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Two Japanese sisters have been reported missing after they failed to appear at their scheduled departure on Monday and their rental car was found parked at Wing Beach.

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WORTH THE HIKE
Tourists negotiate a steep, treeless part of a trail leading to the Forbidden Island Beach in Kagman yesterday morning, but the breathtaking views make the hike all worthwhile. Total visitor arrivals are expected to reach 472,000 this year, which is nearly a 9-percent increase from last year, Gov. Eloy S. Inos said in his State of the Commonwealth Address on Monday.

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President Barack Obama announced Monday that U.S. Congress will not overhaul immigration laws this year and he will therefore use executive actions on immigration matters, which Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said yesterday could include the CNMI. But as far as national immigration reform bills are concerned, prospects for any passage this year are "dim," Sablan said.

Meanwhile, a standalone bill extending the E-2C visa program, extending the asylum bar, and extending the H visa cap for the CNMI and Guam got the approval of the U.S. House Judiciary Committee chairman, Sablan added.

Sablan's HR 4296 already passed the U.S. House Natural Resources Com-

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FHB report marks continuing solid growth in CNMI tourism

The continued recovery of the CNMI's tourism industry was one of the key highlights of a First Hawaiian Bank report released yesterday.

Ruane

In her economic analysis of the CNMI and Guam, as prepared for First Hawaiian Bank, Dr. Maria Claret M. Ruane, resident development economist at the University of Guam-Pacific Center for Economic Initiatives, said the islands continue to attract an increasing number of visitors, with 17 percent growth in visitor arrivals in 2012, and another strong year in 2013, with 438,775 visitors and 9.6 percent growth.

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Mom of Guam rampage suspect describes depression

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Suspect Chad DeSoto, center, is escorted from a Superior Court of Guam courtroom during a midday break on Monday, June 23, 2014, in Hagatna, Guam.

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)— The mother of a man accused of killing three people in a busy tourist area of Guam said Monday her son descended into depression after his grandfather died and his girlfriend moved off the island.

Rae DeSoto testified that her son Chad DeSoto fell into bad health as he mourned his grandfather, leading to irrational fears, loss of appetite and insomnia.

"It threw him into a depression where he just started questioning life and death," Rae DeSoto said.

She said the changes in her son happened months before he plowed a car onto a busy sidewalk in a resort area, then got out and stabbed bystanders.

Chad DeSoto has pleaded not guilty by reason of mental illness.

His mother said he feared he would die if he was touched by rain, and was afraid of termites.

His defense lawyers told jurors they shouldn't hold it against him if DeSoto doesn't testify.

Prosecutors rested their case earlier Monday with the widower of 29-year-old Rie Sugiyama, who was killed in the incident. Yasuke Sugiyama testified that DeSoto also stabbed him, his grandmother and slashed his 3-month-old daughter's right cheek.

"My life is ruined because of this," Yasuke Sugiyama said. "I have two children, my two daughters, both the older and the younger, they're still young and just imagining how they will live their life without their mother from now on, I only feel sadness for their lives."

The family was in Guam for the wedding of his wife's brother.

Joseph Hernandez, 21, a friend of DeSoto from high school, said DeSoto went into a "hermit-like state" and didn't want to talk to anyone. Hernandez said he was working the night of the incident and recognized the car as belonging to DeSoto's family.

"I broke down," he said.

Rae DeSoto said she wasn't allowed to talk to her son for several hours the night he was taken into custody. She said when she did see him, he spoke about world hunger, oppression and said "We've all been lied to."

"He did say he knows he's going to jail," she said. "[He said] 'I don't belong here.'"

NOAA research vessel opens doors to public

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The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration research vessel R/V *Oscar Elton Sette* will be hosting an open house for the public this Saturday at the Port of Saipan in Puerto Rico.

The open house will take place on the research vessel from 12pm to 4pm.

Scientists aboard the research vessel are engaged in a 30-day research project in CNMI waters. Their primary mission is to learn more about the biology and environment of bottomfish resources in the CNMI that support important local fisheries.

According to a NOAA statement, the data that have been gathered in the mission will be used to improve assessments of bottomfish and reef fish stocks that will provide a foundation for scientific advice to resource managers.

Aboard the research vessel is Robert Humphrey, a biologist with NOAA's Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center who is the team's chief scientist.

According to the NOAA statement, Humphrey will be leading a "diverse research team" that includes other scientists from PIFSC and CNMI agency scientists from the Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality. Other members include instructors and students from Northern Marianas College, local fishermen, and two archeologists.

The first leg of the research project starts on June 19 and ends on July 3, where scientific operations will be conducted in the nearshore and coastal waters around Uracas, Maug, and Asuncion within the Mariana Trench Marine National Monument.

The second leg of the project will take place from July 7 to July 27 in the northern parts of Pagan, Guguan, Sarigan, and Anatahan.

Chamorro language experiment at JKPL

The Chamorro Psycholinguistics Team will be at the Joeten Kiyu Public Library to conduct a new Chamorro language experiment this July 3, from 11am to 3pm.

According to JKPL technical services librarian Rosalyn A. Ajoste, the team is looking for volunteers to take the 15-minute experiment.

"Volunteers must be Chamorro speakers who are 18 years or older and who have spoken Chamorro since childhood. The thank-you gift for those who take the experiment will be an 8 GB flash drive."

Ajoste said the experiment will be conducted by University of California at Santa Cruz professors Sandy Chung and Matt Wagers, along with Manny Borja of the Chamorro Psycholinguistics Team.

Ajoste said their research investigates the mental mechanisms that Chamorro speakers use when they process their language.

According to Ajoste, the team has conducted experiments on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota since 2011.

"Since 2013, their research has been funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation," she said.

The team gave a presentation on some of their study's results at the American Memorial Park in August 2012.

Ajoste noted that two of the team's members, Borja and Chung, are also affiliated with the Chamorro Dictionary project that is supposedly being revised according to the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Chamorro and Carolinian Language Commission. ***(Jayson Camacho)***

2014-2015 Application For Free School Meals is now available at all public schools and at the Public School System FNS Office

PUBLIC RELEASE STATEMENT REGARDING THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Public School System Food and Nutrition Services Program today announced its policy for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Regardless of financial standing and participation in programs such as WIC or NAP, a new free school meal application must be completed and submitted each school year to receive free school meal benefits.

Meal prices for the 2014-2015 school year will remain the same as the previous year. Students may buy a subsidized school breakfast for $0.50. Additional breakfasts can be purchased for $2.10 at elementary schools and $2.50 at secondary schools. Students may purchase a school lunch for $0.75. Additional lunches can be purchased for $3.30 at elementary schools and $3.85 at secondary schools.

Application forms are now available at the PSS Food and Nutrition Office and are being sent to all public schools with a notice to parents or guardians. Applications are available at Tinian Elementary School and Rota Junior High School as well. To apply for free meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school or to the PSS Food and Nutrition Services office. The information provid¬ed on the applica¬tion will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. Applica¬tions may be submitted at any time during the school year. The application can be downloaded from the PSS website at http://www.cnmipss.org/state-level-programs/food-and-nutrition-services/

To obtain free meals for children for whose households receive Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits, an adult member needs only to list the names of the school children, give a valid food stamp case number for each child, sign his/her name, list his/her social security number, and return the application to the school office. If any student listed does not have a valid food stamp number, then the entire application must be completed with accompanying income verification documents.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free meals of households not receiving Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits, the household must provide the following information requested on the application: names of all household members, and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. In lieu of a social security number, the household may indicate that the signer does not possess a social security number. Also, the income received by each household member must be provided by amount and source (wages, SSI, child support, etc.). For verification purposes, copies of the two most recent check stubs must be included with the application. Failure to include these items will delay the processing of the application.

Under the provisions of the free meal policy, the PSS Food and Nutrition Services Manager will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent/guardian wishes to make a formal appeal, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to: Mr. Dale Roberts, PSS Food and Nutrition Services Program Manager located in government house 1251 located on Capital Hill, Saipan.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the family should contact the FNS Office. Such changes may make the house¬hold eligible for free meals if the household income falls at or below the IEG levels listed in the chart, and they may reapply at that time.

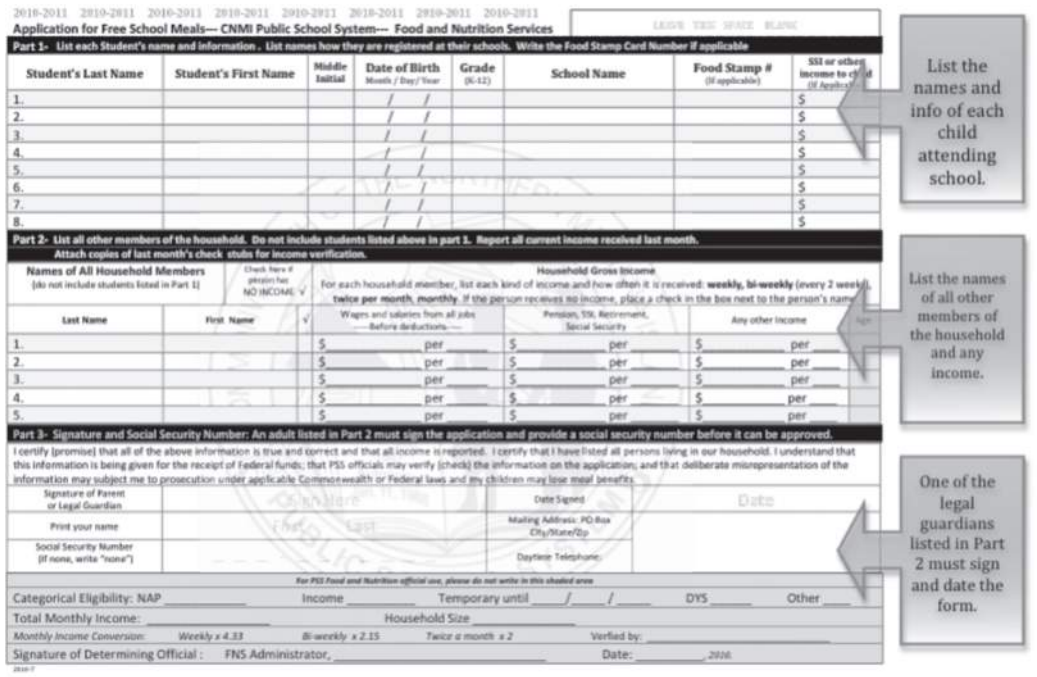
In most cases, foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a household has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for free school meals, the household should complete an application for a family of one or contact the FNS office for more information.

The information provided by the household on the application is confidential. PSS is authorized to release student free and school meal eligibility status only to persons directly connected with the administration and enforcement of federal or state educational programs.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official.

Children determined eligible for free meals last school year will receive free meals for up to 30 days after the opening of school on September 2, 2014. **To avoid delays in free school meal services due to processing, all applications should be completed and submitted to PSS FNS before September 22, 2014.**

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official. The PSS FNS office can be reached on Saipan: 664-3901 / 3902 or fax 664-3717, Tinian: 237-4106/4105, Rota: 237-4046/4041/4042


Application for Free School Meals--- CNMI Public School System--- Food and Nutrition Services
Part 1- List each Student's name and information . List names how they are registered at their schools. Write the Food Stamp Card Number if applicable
Student's Last Name
Student's First Name
Middle Initial
Date of Birth
Grade
School Name
Food Stamp #
SSI or other income to child
Part 2- List all other members of the household. Do not include students listed above in part 1. Report all current income received last month.
Attach copies of last month's check stubs for income verification.
Names of All Household Members
Household Gross Income
Part 3- Signature and Social Security Number: An adult listed in Part 2 must sign the application and provide a social security number before it can be approved.
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian
Print your name
Social Security Number
Categorical Eligibility: NAP
Income
Temporary until
DYS
Other
Total Monthly Income:
Household Size
Signature of Determining Official :
FNS Administrator,
Date:
List the names and info of each child attending school.
List the names of all other members of the household and any income.
One of the legal guardians listed in Part 2 must sign and date the form.

2014-2015 Federal Income Guidelines (IEG) for Free Meal Eligibility. If your household income falls within these guidelines your children MAY be eligible to receive free school meals.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	2x per Month	Bi-weekly	Weekly
1	$ 15,171	$ 1,265	$ 633	$ 584	$ 292
2	20,449	1,705	853	787	394
3	25,727	2,144	1,072	990	495
4	31,005	2,584	1,292	1,193	597
5	36,283	3,024	1,512	1,396	698
6	41,561	3,464	1,732	1,599	800
7	46,839	3,904	1,952	1,802	901
8	52,117	4,344	2,172	2,005	1,003
Add'l member, Add……	+ 5,278	+ 440	+ 220	+ 203	+ 102

FY 2014 budget now at $135.786M

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed into law yesterday a $12.386 million supplemental budget bill that brings to $135.786 million the total budget for fiscal year 2014—the highest annual appropriation since 2011 and now higher than the governor's proposed fiscal year 2015 budget of $134.33 million.

The governor signed Rep. Tony Sablan's (Ind-Saipan) House Bill 18-192, House Draft 1 into Public Law 18-53.

Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan), a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, said yesterday that the governor's projected fiscal year 2015 budget is "very conservative" to begin with, so a supplemental budget for fiscal year 2015 should be "expected."

He added that the electronic gaming license fee and related revenues are not yet included in the fiscal year 2014 budget, but at least one facility has already started operating. Yumul said if there are 112 machines, that's already equivalent to $280,000 in license fee alone, so the governor would have to report that because it already exceeds $200,000.

The supplemental budget law that the governor signed yesterday takes into consideration the $60,000 that the House appropriated for the Commonwealth Election Commission.

This was not in the governor's original proposal, which only included $5 million to be added to the government's annual minimum guaranteed payment to the retirement settlement agreement and over $7.3 million for the payment of the employer share of the government health and life insurance premium.

Inos also signed yesterday Rep. Ray Tebuteb's (Ind-Saipan) HB 18-39, HD1 into Public Law 18-54, authorizing the assessment of parking meter fees, requiring segregation of fees collected by senatorial districts, and authorizing local appropriation of those fees.

Also signed yesterday was Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero's (Cov-Saipan) HB 18-134 into Public Law 18-55, which deems the sergeant-at-arms of the Senate and House to be law enforcement officers and therefore with "full authority to enforce Commonwealth laws and shall have all the powers, authority and benefits of other law enforcement officers."

Senate limits CPA wharfage fees

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The Senate has limited the wharfage fees that the Commonwealth Ports Authority charges to cargo offloaded at a port or harbor in the CNMI, saying CPA should waive wharfage fees on cargo shipped from one Commonwealth island to another.

Senators took turns slamming CPA for imposing double wharfage fees for cargo from outside the CNMI that is destined for Rota and Tinian via Saipan.

Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan) said these double charges, which end up being paid for by Rota and Tinian residents, are causing "extreme hardship."

Reyes cited, for example, that bringing in a vehicle from Guam to Saipan costs only about $1,800.

"But if you bring that same car to Rota, from Guam via Saipan, the charge is $5,000 or more. This is ridiculous. That's because it has to go to Saipan first, and that accounts for the excessive costs," Reyes said.

Senators passed by a vote of 7-0 Sen. Frank Cruz's (R-Tinian) Senate Bill 18-56 last week. The bill now goes to the House for action.

The Senate said the cost of commodities on Rota and Tinian is a great burden to consumers, and a portion of the added cost is a result of the wharfage fees that CPA imposes on commodities shipped from Saipan to Rota and Tinian.

The bill's intent is to ensure that wharfage fees are charged "one time" for commodities that are offloaded at any port or harbor under CPA jurisdiction.

"The same commodities shall not be assessed wharfage a second time regardless whether the same cargo is shipped from Saipan to Rota and Tinian on a different vessel," the bill says. It also waives wharfage fees assessed on cargo shipped to and from any CNMI port or harbor.

Senate Vice President Victor Hocog (R-Rota) said while he understands CPA also has to charge fees to service its debt payments, those charges shouldn't be causing extreme hardship to residents.

"These are basically double charges…If they already charge wharfage fee for cargo from outside the CNMI to Saipan, why do they have to charge another wharfage fee if that cargo's final destination is Rota or Tinian?" he asked.

Unai Dangkulo beach red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged the Unai Dangkulo beach on Saipan and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of this location for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from this location contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci). These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. ***(DEQ)***

Wiseman says casino law is poorly drafted

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Several people, mostly retirees, lawmakers, and supporters of two casino applicants, emerge from the courtroom of Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman after a hearing on a motion for preliminary injunction yesterday.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman criticized yesterday the casino law, describing it as "haphazard and poorly drafted."

Wiseman made the statement as he placed under advisement casino applicant Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc.'s motion for preliminary injunction after hearing the arguments of all parties.

The preliminary injunction seeks to stop, before the temporary restraining order's expiration, Gov. Eloy S. Inos, the CNMI government, the Commonwealth Lottery Commission, and the Finance secretary from issuing a casino license unless and until all aspects of the casino law are first complied with, such as the Casino Commission's required involvement in the applicant investigation and the issuance of regulations.

"It is so unfortunate and adverse to the common good that the government, in its endeavor to establish a casino industry in the CNMI, could not have done it properly and with due care and diligence rather than what has evolved as a haphazard and poorly drafted law," said Wiseman at the hearing that was packed with lawmakers, lawyers, retirees, and supporters of the two casino applicants.

Wiseman extended the TRO until he issued the order this week on the preliminary injunction matter.

Wiseman issued the TRO on June 19 after Marianas Stars Entertainment filed on that same day the lawsuit and requested a TRO.

The TRO stops Inos, the CNMI government, the Commonwealth Lottery Commission, and the Finance secretary from either denying or approving a casino license.

Attorney Sean Frink, counsel for Marianas Stars, argued for the importance of issuing the preliminary injunction. Assistant attorney general Reena Patel, as counsel for Inos, the government, the Lottery Commission, and Finance secretary, argued the defendants' opposition to an injunction.

Attorney Michael Dotts, who appeared with attorney Viola Alepuyo as co-counsel for another casino applicant, Best Sunshine International Ltd., argued, among other things, why they should be allowed to intervene in the case.

Frink argued that the casino law clearly requires that the prelicense investigation be conducted by the Casino Commission.

Frink said such independent investigation occurs according to adopted regulations, and that it is the Casino Commission that has the control and expenditure authority over the non-refundable deposits that are to be used to conduct the investigation.

Frink said the Lottery Commission and co-defendants have ignored these clear provisions of the law in moving toward the issuance of a casino license.

"They are government officials charged with upholding the law and will be enjoined from committing further illegal acts, including further illegal expenditures, the conduct of an improper investigation, and the issuance of an illegal casino license, absent the eventual required involvement of the Casino Committee," Frink said.

Patel asserted, among other things, that the Lottery Commission is not required to issue a license to either applicant if the commission determines that neither applicant satisfies the Commonwealth's requirements.

In the defendants' pleadings, Patel said the Lottery Commission will not be able to continue any further due diligence if the TRO is extended as it prohibits defendants from "taking any furtherance of issuing a casino license."

Dotts, counsel for Best Sunshine, argued, among other things, that only disbursement of the $30 million deposited by Marianas Stars should be enjoined if the company is issued the license.

"You don't have to stop the ongoing investigation," Dotts said, adding that the process should be allowed to go forward.

In an interview with reporters after the hearing, Dotts said if Marianas Stars is worried about its $30 million, then it could just enjoin its $30 million.

"If they don't think the law is correct, if they think it's an illegal license, just take their money and go. If they think it's illegal why are they here?" Dotts asked.

Marianas Stars Entertainment and Best Sunshine International are both seeking the exclusive Saipan casino resort developer license. Each had already submitted a $1 million nonrefundable application fee, a completed application, a business plan, and a $30-million refundable deposit.

Governor names 1 more to CUC board

Gov. Eloy S. Inos appointed yesterday Eric Henry C. San Nicolas to serve on the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board of directors representing Tinian.

The initial appointment requires the Senate's advice and consent. If confirmed, San Nicolas will serve a four-year term that begins on the date of his Senate confirmation.

"I am fully aware of the important work before the Board and I am confident that he is qualified and will be an asset to this Board," the governor said in his letter to Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan). The administration said it will later provide the Senate with copies of San Nicolas' resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance, drug test receipt and drug test result.

The Senate has yet to schedule a public hearing on San Nicolas' appointment. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

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"Data for 2014 show promise, with 82,992 visitors arriving in January and February, up 6.75 percent from a year earlier," Ruane noted.

The report also indicated that more than 90 percent of CNMI visitors last year came from Japan (32 percent), Korea (32 percent), and China/Hong Kong (27 percent).

"Compared to 2012, the share of visitors from Japan decreased from almost 38 percent, while the share from China and Hong Kong increased from 21.5 percent. The share from Korea held steady around 32 percent of the total in both years," Ruane added.

The increase pushed up both hotel room rates and occupancy and "has generated a strong demand for accommodations. President Nick Nishikawa of the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands said the CNMI needs 1,000 more rooms," she said.

Aside from the CNMI's steadily rebounding hospitality sector, the economist also gave an overview of the islands' settlement of a lawsuit concerning the underfunded NMI Retirement Fund, a new law authorizing a casino on Saipan, a pending minimum wage increase, and changes to U.S. visa requirements for foreign workers and foreign investors.

Fund's demise

Ruane expected the NMI Retirement Fund to have bellied up this year if the government's policies had remained in a holding pattern.

"For years, solvency issues faced by the CNMI Retirement Fund have added uncertainty to the island economy. If nothing changed, the Fund would have become insolvent this year."

Ruane said the issue came to a head with filing of a class action lawsuit against the government and Fund, which was settled last year, paving the way for retirees to receive 75 percent of their pensions.

"The amount required to pay for the settlement required revision of the CNMI government budget, created pressure to legalize casino gambling [on] Saipan, and authorized the Commonwealth Development Authority to float a pension obligations bond."

She said the new law legalizing casino on Saipan—it is already legal on the islands of Rota and Tinian—passed despite opposition from the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

The law would award to investors an exclusive license to operate a casino hotel on Saipan in exchange for a $1-million application fee, which was due by April 21 and a $30-million payment for license fee, which was due in escrow by May 5.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos vowed to use this $30 million to restore the 25-percent cut in retirement benefits called for by the lawsuit settlement. The law requires a $2-billion total investment to pay for construction of 2,000 hotel rooms and related facilities.

Ruane said by this spring's deadline, two applications—from Best Sunshine International, Ltd. and Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc.—were received, along with a $1-million fee from each applicant.

Recently, Best Sunshine revealed its four-phase business plan for its casino hotel, with a grand opening in 2020. The first phase includes a 401-room hotel and casino to be built in 2017-2018."

Federalization

Ruane noted that the CNMI has been transitioning since 2007 toward a tighter relationship with the United States, a process referred to as "federalization."

Add to this, 2014 marks another round of increase in CNMI's minimum wage effective Sept. 30. More important is the approaching deadline for the use of CNMI-specific foreign labor and investor visa categories, which will be aligned with U.S. immigration laws after Dec. 31.

Minimum wages in the CNMI have increased from $3.05 per hour in 2007 to the current $5.55. The next 50-cent increase is expected in September.

"The CNMI economy continues to hang on a balance, with the pending minimum wage increase and the deadline with regard to CNMI-specific visa categories for hiring foreign workers (CW-1) and attracting foreign investors (E2-C)," Ruane said. "This deadline can be extended by the Labor Secretary (for CW-1 visas), a decision that was already made but not yet announced, or by Congress (for both CW-1 and E2-C visas)."

Ruane said inflation also continues to decline in the CNMI and was almost nonexistent in 2013.

"Overall CPI (Consumer Price Index) prices in Saipan rose a mere 0.1 percent during the fourth quarter of 2013 compared to the fourth quarter of 2012." ***(Saipan Tribune)***

OBAMA

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mittee by unanimous consent, and an omnibus territories bill that contains a language similar to HR 4296 already passed the full U.S. Senate, so one way or another, the CNMI language is expected to pass.

Obama said he will pursue executive actions by the end of summer to "fix as much of our immigration system as we can."

"If Congress will not do their job, at least we can do ours," he said Monday.

"I understand President Obama had a conversation with Speaker [John] Boehner that there will be no vote on immigration reform bill this year. The President has always said he will take executive actions; probably not a one-time announcement but a series of announcements. …The CNMI is part of the federal immigration system," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

S. 744 and HR 15, two comprehensive immigration reform bills pending in Congress, have CNMI-specific provisions, specifically granting legal, long-term foreign residents in the CNMI a chance to apply for a "green card."

Meanwhile, Sablan said in his address before a joint session of the CNMI House and Senate on Monday that his goal of making immigration less difficult will continue.

He mentioned that legislation he drafted to extend the bar on asylum, which is important for the CNMI's Chinese tourism, already passed the Senate.

"The House Natural Resources Committee approved it and—let me announce today—it has been okayed by the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. My goal is to get that bill enacted this year," he said.

He again said that his proposal contained in national immigration reform bills is still pending, "though the prospects for a comprehensive immigration bill this year are dim."

Nevertheless, he pointed out that his proposal creates a new, CNMI-only status so certain groups of people may continue to live and work on the islands, like what the CNMI Senate recommended in 2011.

"These are people allowed into the Commonwealth under Commonwealth law, who always stayed legal and if they want to change status after five years, then, just as [CNMI] House Resolution 18-34 demands—and I quote—they 'must go through the established process, pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act'. No special treatment, no fast-tracking. Exactly what this Legislature says it wants. That proposal remains my goal," he added.

MISSING

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As of yesterday afternoon, Department of Public Safety police officers and firefighters were still searching for the tourists—ages 28 and 33. The U.S. Coast Guard is assisting DPS via an aerial search, according to DPS police spokesman Travis Hurst.

Hurst did not release the names of the victims at this time.

The police spokesman said surface crews were still searching the surrounding area of Mariana Resort and Spa and Wing Beach.

If needed, Hurst said, a surface dive will be conducted off the shore this morning, Wednesday.

"There is evidence that the two victims had an inflatable raft in their possession and such raft has not yet been accounted for," he disclosed.

Mariana Resort notified DPS about the missing tourists yesterday at 10:31am.

The tourists reportedly arrived on Saipan on Saturday morning. They were scheduled to depart on Monday, June 30, at 6am.

Hurst said it has been confirmed with the airline that the two sisters did not check in for their scheduled departure.

The sisters were staying at Mariana Resort and were last spotted by hotel staff in the parking lot on Sunday afternoon beside their rental car.

Hurst said this rental car was found parked at Wing Beach, just north of the resort yesterday morning. A KSPN 2 report yesterday stated that the missing tourists' belongings were still inside the vehicle.

The car rental company alerted the Mariana Resort when the car was not properly returned on its due date. Mariana Resort then notified DPS.

DPS chief: Cop was only following 2009 OAG opinion

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Edwin Somorang Kileleman, a man who was arrested without a warrant on rape charges, was detained for more than 26 hours because a police officer just followed an opinion issued by the Office of the Attorney General in 2009.

At a news briefing yesterday, Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero disclosed that he learned about the OAG memorandum only on Monday afternoon.

Deleon Guerrero said the OAG's interpretation of the statute is that if detainees are informed of the charges, they can be held for another 24 hours after the initial 24 hours—in essence a total of 48 hours.

"I don't think it is fair for the officer to receive full blame for what happened. Had that memo not came out then we would not have been doing this to begin with," the commissioner pointed out.

Saipan Tribune learned that the legal opinion Deleon Guerrero was referring to was a memo issued by then-acting chief prosecutor George L. Hasselback on Oct. 21, 2009.

Kileleman, 49, was arrested for allegedly raping a woman at his home in China Town last Tuesday, June 24.

Kileleman was taken to Superior Court for his initial appearance on Friday, but Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho granted assistant public defender Eden Schwartz's motion to release her client on the grounds that he was held unlawfully for more than 24 hours.

Camacho found out that Kileleman was arrested without a warrant on Wednesday, June 25, at 12:41pm and then detained for more than 26 hours.

Camacho said DPS must do better as Kileleman's case involves serious charges.

The judge noted that that the court is mandated by the Constitution and the Commonwealth Criminal Code to order Kileleman's release from custody.

"The blame for dropping the ball falls squarely on the shoulders of the DPS officer," Camacho said.

Police detective Rhonda John was the assigned investigator in Kileleman's case.

At Tuesday's news briefing, DPS chief Deleon Guerrero said he is trying to reach out to Camacho for a meeting regarding this issue.

"Obviously, whenever a ruling comes out from the court, it carries a lot more weight than a legal opinion," Deleon Guerrero said.

He said that with Camacho's ruling, the policy right now is for detainees to be processed within the 24-hour period as opposed to 48.

He said the DPS legal counsel is doing more research to see what the final policy would be.

"But as a stop gap measure so that we ensure we don't make mistakes, the rule is we process them within the 24-hour period or get Rule 5 or arrest warrant and get it done within the 24-hour period," the commissioner said.

Deleon Guerrero said they based their actions a lot on whatever comes out from OAG because at the end of the day they are responsible for prosecuting these cases.

Deleon Guerrero said a plain reading of the OAG opinion is that if they serve a detainee a copy of their booking slip, they in essence have informed the detainee that he or she has been charged and that they can be detaind for another 24 hours.

"Right now the policy is 24 hours," said the commissioner, adding that he already instructed the commander of the Commonwealth Bureau of Investigation to ensure that all processing has to be done within 24 hours.

Manglona warns Quichocho she won't scruple to throw him in jail

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has ordered attorney Ramon K. Quichocho to show cause why he should not be held in civil contempt for refusing to pay $1,200 in sanctions.

In an order on Monday, Manglona said if Quichocho elects not to pay the sanctions and instead presents deficient excuses at the hearing, she will not hesitate to hold him in civil contempt and throw him in jail until he pays.

The show cause hearing will be held on July 7, 2014.

The judge said she knows that "a party's inability to comply with a judicial order constitutes a defense to a charge of civil contempt."

"To some extent, Quichocho's being off-island may have afforded him some latitude in this regard. But it does not anymore. He has staff and he has yet another week before the hearing to pay his sanctions," Manglona said.

Manglona issued the $1,200 sanction order against Quichocho on June 16 for his late submission of his opposition to Ming Yang Corp.'s motion to dismiss a lawsuit. Part of the sanction included paying Ming Yang Corp.'s legal fees.

Manglona ordered Quichocho to pay the fees no later than June 25, 2014.

On June 24, however, Quichocho filed a motion to reconsider Manglona's order. He claimed that his opposition was due on June 12, but that he left Saipan on June 10 for personal and medical reasons so he could not file an opposition.

Manglona denied the motion and gave Quichocho until Friday, June 27, to pay Ming Yang Corp., which owns Ming Yang Market.

Quichocho failed to pay the sanctions on Friday, prompting Ming Yang, through counsel Mark Scoggins, to ask for an order to show cause.

In granting Ming Yang's petition, Manglona said she has thrice ordered Quichocho to pay a single sanctions award. She said the past two orders included warnings that failure to pay may result in further sanctions or contempt.

Quichocho served as counsel for William A. Tracy, who sued several businesses, including Ming Yang, for allegedly having facilities that are not accessible to persons with disabilities. Tracy was reportedly found dead last Feb.7. The case has since been dismissed.

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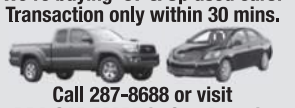
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‘Expanding Pacific marine sanctuaries betrays US fishermen’

HONOLULU—The voting members of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council from the State of Hawaii, Territories of American Samoa and Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands have analyzed the Obama Administration’s newly announced plan to expand the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument. They have determined that it would provide no added conservation benefit to marine resources, but will economically harm the area’s fishermen and those reliant on Pacific marine resources. Noting that the President himself has declared that the United States “has largely ended overfishing in federally managed waters,” the Council members are urging the Administration to continue allowing U.S. fishermen into these areas.

According to the WPRFMC, the Administration failed to consult the WPRFMC about the true economic and environmental impacts of its plan to expand the Monument. The WPRFMC also recommends modifications to the Antiquities Act to prevent similar such unilateral declarations in the future, which override existing fisheries management statutes, such as the Magnuson-Steven Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

The June 17 announcement, made at the Our Oceans Conference hosted at the State Department, would enlarge the current Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument-established by President Bush in 2009-to encompass the full 200-nautical-mile Exclusive Economic Zone of seven U.S. Pacific Island Possessions.

»WPRFMC: Proposal places unfair burden on US Pacific Islands

However, the Council counters in its report that this expansion will ultimately be ineffective in reaching the Obama Administration’s stated goal of combating threats to the ocean’s health, like overfishing and ocean acidification caused by greenhouse gas pollution.

U.S. fisheries are already required by the Magnuson-Stevens Act to eliminate overfishing, and the U.S. boasts the strongest, most conservation-minded fisheries management in the world.

Fishermen in the region are already subject to catch limits, vessel monitoring, observer requirements, and gear restrictions to ensure that they do not overfish the species they target nor endanger other species in the process. The President’s plan aims to aid marine species like tuna, seabirds, coral reefs, and sharks, but, according to the WPRFMC, it disregards the effective management plans already in place. Because the region’s fish are highly migratory, the Council views the current, more focused international management approach as the most effective move to achieve the Administration’s stated goals, and that the Marine Monuments are superfluous in stopping overfishing.

The value of consulting regional management and local merchants in fisheries management is emphasized by the same Administration that announced this sweeping Executive plan. John Podesta, described by the Washington Post as “the man behind President Obama’s new environmental push” has said, “Responsible fishery management grounded in strong science and reinforced by strong partnerships between the fishing, conservation, and science communities is crucial for the economic health of fishing communities and the country as a whole.”

Weighed against any prospective environmental benefit is the serious economic cost to Western Pacific fisheries and fishing communities. The areas covered by the Marine Monument are important for the region’s longline and purse seine fisheries, which were already pushed out of valuable fishing grounds with the original 2009 Pacific Islands Remote Marine Monument designation. Expanding the monuments will sever local fishermen’s access to these resources and in turn strain the island communities that depend on the Pacific for their livelihoods. For this reason, the Council urges the Administration to continue to allow U.S. fishermen into these areas. ***(WPRFMC)***

$168K supplemental budget for CPA projects, operation OK’d

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»Mendiola, 5 new staff hired at ports agency; 6 more posts to be filled

The Commonwealth Ports Authority board of directors approved Monday a total of $168,274 in supplemental funding for its operation and projects, while announcing several new hires at the agency.

Board director Frances Mafnas, chair of the fiscal affairs panel, endorsed to the full board $147,211 in additional funding for operation and $21,063 in supplemental funds for fixed assets.

CPA’s operational needs will get the following: $64,300 for consulting services for the airport concessions; $42,738 for the pavement classification for the Rota airport; and $40,173 for the pavement classification for the Tinian airport.

For fixed assets, a total of $21,063 was approved for the following: $2,993 for a digital pressure gauge as required under CPA’s Cooperative Agreement for Aviation Weather Observers for the Rota airport; $13,370 for proximity suits (six sets) for four cadets, and two replacements at the Rota airport; and $4,700 for proximity suits (two sets) for cadets at the Tinian airport.

According to Mafnas, the supplemental funding approved Monday will be funded by Airport Gross Revenue funds.

Also on Monday, Saipan port master Chris Tenorio announced the rehiring of Joseph Mendiola as Tinian ports manager and the filling of four ARFF trainee positions for the Saipan airport, as well as one tariff technician for the Saipan port.

Since May, at least three personnel have resigned from the agency, Tenorio said. These include an ARFF mechanic II on Saipan, a ports police lieutenant on Saipan, and a firefighter I, also on Saipan.

Tenorio asked for the board’s permission to announce the vacancy for the ARFF mechanic II for Saipan.

Additionally, he asked that the board approve the hiring of a new full-time employee for a skilled electrician and to reopen the FTE of the assistant operations supervisor.

Tenorio said that because of the lack of a skilled technician at the agency, CPA is incurring about $42,000 in expenses for repairs. The board later approved this particular request, citing the cost benefit if a skilled electrician is directly hired by CPA.

Kilili wants CNMI, territories involved in corals ESA listing

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With the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration postponing a decision whether to list 29 corals found in the CNMI as threatened or endangered, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) is asking NOAA to “give careful consideration” when including U.S. territories in the listing of coral species.

“We recognize that climate change and the related effects of ocean acidification and higher water temperature pose the greatest threat to coral reefs, and we do not dispute that the species proposed for Endangered Species Act listing are potentially vulnerable,” Sablan said in a letter to NOAA’s administrator Kathryn Sullivan and U.S. Department of Commerce Acting Assistant Secretary for Conservation and Management Eric Schwaab.

Sablan noted that the CNMI and the other U.S. territories have laws protecting corals but due to global climate change “our only choice is to find ways to adapt.”

NOAA is considering the listing of 54 species of corals as threatened, 12 as endangered, and reclassifies two as endangered under the ESA. Out of the list, 29 are found in the CNMI.

Sablan’s request to NOAA is to take a more practical approach. He wants NOAA to work with local, state, and territorial governments to develop voluntary Candidate Conservation Agreements with states and territories as an alternative approach to protecting and restoring corals and their habitat.

Another request by Sablan is to consider a “Species of Concern designation” rather than being listed under ESA for corals that are limited in distribution, abundance, or life history information that is available.

Sablan also requested NOAA to take into account the past and ongoing efforts of the states, territories, and localities to protect corals, including through partnership in the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force and stewardship of National Marine Sanctuaries and Monuments and consider potential negative impacts of ESA listing on ongoing coral research and restoration activities.

Sablan also asked NOAA to honor previous request that detailed maps of the distribution of the corals to be provided to Congress and the public before any listing decisions are made.

“This information is critical to understanding where the species proposed for listing live, and what conservation alternatives to ESA listing may be appropriate,” Sablan stated.

Despite a letter on Feb. 22, 2013, stating that “such maps do not exist,” Sablan said the development of better maps is critical to making an informed listing decision.

“While we are all strong supporters of the ESA and coral reef protection, we also know that the ESA is powerless to resist climate change and we ask that you give serious consideration to alternative conservation measures,” Sablan stated.

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Inos inks proclamation for youth leadership

JAYSON CAMACHO

Employees of the Division of Youth Services, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, Gov. Eloy S. Inos, staff, volunteers, and 2014 Summer Youth Empowerment Camp students group up on the stage near the track and field at the Ada Gymnasium in Susupe.

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REPORTER

A proclamation that supports the CNMI's youth in leadership through nurturing, support, and training was the binding theme inked by Gov. Eloy S. Inos at the Oleai Sports Complex track and field last Friday, June 27.

Joining Inos in the signing of the proclamation were the 2014 Division of Youth Services Youth Empowerment Summer camp volunteers, staff, and children, 2014 Liberation Day Queen candidates, youth empowerment speakers, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' numerous departments, and DCCA Secretary Laura Ogumoro.

"I encourage the youth, parents, public and private schools, all youth organizations, community and elected leaders in the CNMI to proactively engage and support the activities and programs planned throughout the month," Inos said.

According to Ogumoro, the youth were involved in setting up the event this year.

Youth speakers included Marielle Kapileo, who gave welcoming remarks; Dena and Liyelmatau Gideon, who did the proclamation reading; Alisha Villagomez, who read the DYS youth prevention activities; a poem reading by Jodeen Fredrick and Franica Masga; and Isaac Anderson taking charge of the closing remarks.

"Our education system, both public and private, plays vital roles in providing essential learning tools and continues to prepare our children and youth to take on leadership roles, thus inspiring them to envision, plan, and to create a more sustainable future for their lives and their community," Dena said.

Liyelmatau said the power of youth groups speaking publicly about their needs, interests and their experiences has made and will continue to make an impact on the lives of the children and youth everywhere.

"This empowerment tool will in turn produce a community of resourceful youths helping other youths in need," Liyelmatau said.

Activities set for DYS Youth Prevention and Youth Leadership Month include a summer camp at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium from June 23 to July 11, DYS Tanapag Youth Center's summer program from July 21 to Aug. 28 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, summer camp at Kagman Community Center from July 21 to Aug. 15 from Mondays to Fridays, and a youth session at the Gualo Rai Youth Center for "aggression replacement training" in August.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM,	) Civil Action
Plaintiff,	) No. 13-0015
vs.	)
NICOLAS M. MENDIOLA,	) AMENDED
	) NOTICE OF
Defendant.	) AUCTION and
	) JUDICIAL SALE

AMENDED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 31st day of July, 2013, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **11th day of August, 2014 at 10 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 345 R 40, situated in Sinapalo I, Rota, as shown in the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat Number 345 R 02 dated December 19, 1983, on file in said office, said land containing an area of 950 square meters more or less.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.

b) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

c) to reject any and all bids.

2. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: rttlaw@pticom .com.

3. Deposit and Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to Bank of Guam.

4. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 9th day of June, 2014.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

Lujan wants to hold Roberto's trial in Guam

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

Guam attorney David J. Lujan has asked the federal court to transfer to Guam the jury trial of former acting CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife director Raymond Borja Roberto, who is facing charges of enticing three minor girls to engage in prostitution and witness tampering.

In a motion filed Friday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI, Lujan said the trial should be moved to the U.S. District Court of Guam as Roberto will be unable to obtain a fair and impartial trial in the NMI.

Citing several newspaper articles (not *Saipan Tribune*), Lujan said every time a new superseding indictment has been rendered—in this case three times—the allegations against Roberto have been inaccurately publicized.

The lawyer said the misleading information is highly prejudicial to Roberto because the charges against him were presented to the public by the media and the U.S. government as interrelated, as if a conspiracy existed among the defendant, Richard S. Benavente, and Annette N. Basa.

"By the time Roberto was charged and lumped in with Basa and Benavente, the public had received a month of extensive media reports about Basa and Benavente," he said.

Benavente is a firefighter who has pleaded guilty to one count of sexual exploitation of a child. His sentencing will be on Sept. 10, 2014.

Basa, a 40-year-old woman accused of recruiting and enticing two minor girls to engage in commercial sex, pleaded guilty to a count of sex trafficking of children. Her sentencing has been postponed.

Lujan said the insistent connection by the U.S. government and the press between Roberto, Basa, and Benavente, and a "sex video tape" is prejudicial to Roberto and erroneous.

"The public has fallen prey to the inaccurate and sensational reports that the press and the government disseminated," said Lujan as he cited a comment from a reader to a newspaper's online article (not *Saipan Tribune*).

The lawyer said in fact, the newspaper articles (not *Saipan Tribune*) capitalize on Roberto's popularity and people's interest in his position, and uses it as a way to attract readers.

Lujan said the U.S. government from the start misled the media by referring to three victims and generated prejudice against Roberto.

Lujan said Roberto can only obtain a fair and impartial trial in Guam, where the public has not been exposed to the pretrial publicity, is not prejudiced against the defendant for being a local official, and where the public will not confuse the Benavente and Basa cases with this case.

The third superseding indictment filed month charged Roberto with three counts of enticement of a minor and one count of witness tampering.

In the third superseding indictment, assistant U.S. attorney Rami S. Badawy alleged that Roberto persuaded three girls to engage in prostitution or in sex from March 1, 2013, to July 18, 2013.

On the witness tampering matter, Badawy stated that the offense happened on April 24, 2014, while Roberto was detained pending trial. Badawy said the defendant attempted to obstruct, influence, and impede the case by attempting to influence the testimony of an individual. The prosecutor said Roberto attempted to persuade the same individual to alter, destroy, and conceal evidence.

Roberto has pleaded not guilty. His trial will begin on July 23, 2014 at 10am.

Godfather's Beach Bar to host 4th of July fundraiser

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

Godfather's Beach House Bar will be hosting a 4th of July party and fundraiser for the Department of Public Safety at the Fiesta Resort and Spa's beachside.

According to co-owner Ron Biggers, the party will start at 2pm and is open to the public. Biggers co-owns the bar with Scott Dottino.

Biggers said there will be a raffle drawing, food and drink specials, beach games, and other activities.

Biggers told *Saipan Tribune* that proceeds will be presented to DPS Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero.

"It will help them out for the public safety museum and renovate the memorial in front," Biggers said.

Deleon Guerrero confirmed this with *Saipan Tribune*, saying the donation will go to the DPS Foundation.

"The money is going to be used for the law enforcement memorial and the renovation of the public safety museum," Deleon Guerrero said.

The DPS chief expressed his gratitude on behalf of the department. "We are very pleased and very grateful that they are doing this for us and this is part of our public and private sector initiative. They volunteered to do this fundraiser to remember those officers that have fallen in the line of duty," Deleon Guerrero said.

Deleon Guerrero said he wants to thank the owners of Godfather's for doing this for DPS.

"We want to make sure that they are acknowledged for doing this and the reason they are doing this as well is to show appreciation for DPS," he said.

According to Biggers, in association with Godfather's Beach Bar, Steven Brownstein will be sponsoring the "largest display of fireworks ever on the island of Saipan."

The fireworks will be held at 9pm and Biggers said all families and community members are invited to watch some 30 minutes of fireworks display.

Sponsors of the event include Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods, Joeten Motor Co., Kanoa Resort Saipan, D&Q International Distributors, Stolichnaya Russian Vodka, Brabu Pharmacy, Nuat Thai Massage, Pacific Trading Co. Miller Lite, IT&E, and YCO.

Naval Base Guam to test emergency alert system

SANTA RITA, Guam—U.S. Naval Base Guam will conduct a test of its emergency alert system on July 7 from 3pm to 4pm.

During the date and time indicated, the system referred to as the Giant Voice will deliver the following message: "This is only a test for the emergency broadcasting system. No further action required."

Naval Base Guam is scheduled to conduct tests on the emergency alert system on the first Monday of every month until further notice. ***(PR)***

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-14-018

FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 & 2015

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director, is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to perform a financial and compliance audit of the CUC for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2014 & 2015. The audit must be performed in compliance with the latest revision of the following guidelines:

1. *OMB Circular A-133*
2. *Standard for Audits of Government Organization, Programs, Activities and Function, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States*
3. *Audits of States and Local Government Units, Industry Audit guide issued by the American Institute of Public Accountants (AICPA)*

The date of contract award will be no later than August 29, 2014.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one RFP package set.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-14-018, Financial and Compliance Audit for Fiscal Years Ending September 2014 & 2015"to Mr. Michael Pai, Public Auditor, Office of the Public Auditor, 1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST), local time, on July 28, 2014.** Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All inquiries regarding the RFP must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 11, 2014** to Michael Pai, Public Auditor, Office of the Public Auditor, 1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950 with a copy to Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer, via email address charles_warren@cucgov.org; and Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reasons and to waive any defects in any proposals if, in its sole opinion, to do so will be in the best interest of the CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 2, 2006

Tinian adopts stray dog regulations

The Tinian government has adopted regulations to keep stray dogs out of the island's streets. The new regulations, published in the latest issue of the Commonwealth Register, provide a process for the licensing of properly owned and cared for dogs on Tinian and its neighboring island, Aguingan. The regulations also intend to control wild and stray dogs and to establish a humane manner of disposal of dogs that remain unclaimed. "Stray dogs on the island of Tinian pose a health problem and in some cases are a danger to residents and visitors. Stray dogs that suffer from malnutrition and disease are unsightly and a negative influence on the tourism industry. Humane considerations demand that such animals be dealt with in a proper manner," the Tinian Mayor's Office explained.

Auntie Mag's is back in the Micro Games

After 36 years, Auntie Mag's is back at the Micronesian Games, serving as the exclusive food provider for hundreds of visiting athletes participating in the regional competition. "We serve an average of 800 people every meal," said Auntie Mag's site manager Chilang Flores in an interview. She said the catering company was also chosen to serve in the regional games in 1969 when it was first hosted on Saipan. "We're quite happy to be chosen again this year. It's a great opportunity for us. It's been smooth sailing so far," she said.

July 2, 2007

Requests for terminations rise

The Department of Labor has started receiving requests from employers to terminate the employment of their houseworkers and farmers due to the minimum wage increase that will take effect July 25. Labor Secretary Gil M. San Nicolas disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* that as of Thursday nine employers had already informed him of their intention to terminate their houseworkers and farmers. San Nicolas said these employers explained that they had given their employees notices of termination as they cannot afford the $3.55 an hour wage rate. "We would allow them [employers] to terminate based on economic necessity because, just imagine yourself as an employer paying $300 a month for how many years, then all of a sudden you're going to pay $3.55 an hour, which is about two times," he said. "So if an employer comes to me and say 'Mr. Secretary I cannot afford to pay $600 a month for my houseworker. What I'm gonna do?'"

Over $1.3M available for clean school bus projects

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is making over $1.3 million available for clean diesel school bus projects as part of the Clean School Bus USA program. The U. S. EPA's Western offices are soliciting proposals on a competitive basis for projects that will reduce emissions from existing diesel school buses. Project solicitations may include a variety of diesel emissions reductions solutions, such as add-on pollution control technology, engine or vehicle replacement, idle reduction technologies or strategies, and/or cleaner fuel use. The deadline for submitting applications is August 20, 2007.

July 2, 2008

CUC Saipan records drinking water violations in 7 months

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s water system on Saipan incurred several drinking water violations for total coliform bacteria during more than half the entire year of 2007. According to CUC's latest water quality report, the utility agency had violations in the drinking water maximum contaminant level for total coliform in seven months. The report states that the drinking water violations were detected in the months of February, March, April, August, October, November, and December. The Environmental Protection Agency has determined that the presence of fecal coliform or E. coli in drinking water is a serious health concern.

Fund investments see slight jump in May, rocky July

The slight jump in the Retirement Fund's overseas investments seen in May could be followed by some losses in July due to the economic fallout of the nation's subprime mortgage meltdown. The Fund's investment portfolio rose by just less than 2 percent in May, according to a financial report, to almost $450 million after declines in the stock market and increased withdrawals earlier this year drove it below the $490 million peak it saw in October 2007.

Marianas Stars
Entertainment, Inc.

DO YOU CARE?

DO YOU CARE WHETHER THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE IS HEARD ON WHETHER CASINO GAMING WILL BE ALLOWED ON SAIPAN? **MARIANAS STARS** supports the right of the people, either directly or through their elected representatives, to decide the future of their islands. We oppose any efforts to gut the referendum process. In legislative proceedings, we support a thorough, deliberate and transparent process where the people have the opportunity to be heard. We would be honored to be awarded a casino gaming license on Saipan, but only through a fair and transparent process that has the broad support of the people.

DO YOU CARE WHETHER TINIAN AND ROTA WILL PROSPER ALONG WITH SAIPAN? If the people choose casino gaming on Saipan, **MARIANAS STARS** has a plan to ensure that the islands will develop together. Our sister company has already invested over $40 million on Tinian, and has plans to invest over $600 million more for a 5-star hotel, luxury villas, a golf course, a water park and other projects. If we are fortunate enough to receive a license on Saipan, we would have every incentive to make sure that our projects on both islands prosper. Part of our plan would be to improve transportation links between the islands—not only to transport guests back and forth between Saipan and Tinian, but to provide much improved connections to Rota and Guam as well.

DO YOU CARE WHETHER THE CNMI GETS THE MONEY IT NEEDS TO HELP RETIREES, STUDENTS, WORKERS AND EVERYONE ELSE? If the people choose casino gaming on Saipan, **MARIANAS STARS** respectfully requests that the following proposal be considered: Don't just award one license, award two—assuming each applicant meets the qualifications. Take the current plan for one 2,000-room mega-resort and split it into two 1,000-room resorts. But keep the fees the same for each licensee, so that the CNMI gets a total of $30 million per year from the two licensees rather than just $15 million from one. Each applicant will get half a loaf, but the CNMI will get twice the revenue for the retirees. For health care. For schools. For infrastructure. For everyone. Healthy competition will create greater prosperity and greater accountability. More importantly, a non-monopoly assures the integrity of the process, removing any suspicion that legislation was rushed, or designed, for any one bidder.

DO YOU CARE? **WE CARE. BECAUSE WE'RE ALREADY YOUR NEIGHBORS!**

Si Yu'us Ma'ase. Oloomway. Thank You.

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EDITORIAL

Court ruling is a victory for EPA authority

The U.S. Supreme Court got it right this week when it upheld the Environmental Protection Agency's authority to regulate greenhouse-gas emissions.

In two well-balanced rulings, a split court made clear that the EPA has broad, but not unlimited, authority and the court pointedly warned that it will take a dim view if the EPA intrudes into the power of Congress or interprets its powers too aggressively. The court says the EPA can regulate plants from spewing unacceptable levels of pollutants and require those facilities to obtain permits related to greenhouse-gas emissions, but the EPA can't regulate the permitting and operating of plants based solely on greenhouse-gas emissions.

Importantly, the court rulings don't excuse facilities that emit greenhouse gases from the burden of reducing bad emissions, a ruling that would have handcuffed the EPA and reversed its historical role as environmental guardian. This newspaper has long supported the EPA's authority to regulate greenhouse-gas emissions and to set certain other environmental standards, authority derived from the Clean Air Act, approved by Congress and signed in 1970 by a Republican president. Now a conservative Supreme Court has added its voice.

We hope Monday's dual rulings deliver a message of moderation to both sides—persistent EPA critics such as Texas Gov. Rick Perry and Attorney General and GOP gubernatorial candidate Greg Abbott, as well to the agency itself, which must guard against overreach. Cleaner energy is critical to this country's future. States such as Texas can't remain competitive if they squander time and energy challenging the EPA's right to set standards.

Also important is that the rulings don't affect President Barack Obama's proposed rules that would require states to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from existing coal plants—a major source of greenhouse gases—up to 30 percent from 2005 levels. Those rules, still in draft form and subject to comments and revisions, would give states and utilities broad options for compliance, such as improving energy efficiency, increasing the use of natural gas, using more renewable energy and making power plant improvements.

Historically, Texas consumes and produces more electricity than any other state, and per capita residential use is significantly higher than the national average. Roughly 35 percent of all greenhouse gases released by industrial sources in the U.S. originate in Texas, much of it from the state's energy sector. Texas and the EPA should be at the forefront of efforts to reduce emissions.

The greenhouse-gas threat is real and Congress has failed to modernize the law to confront this challenge. In that vacuum, the EPA took the lead and the Supreme Court this week upheld that effort.

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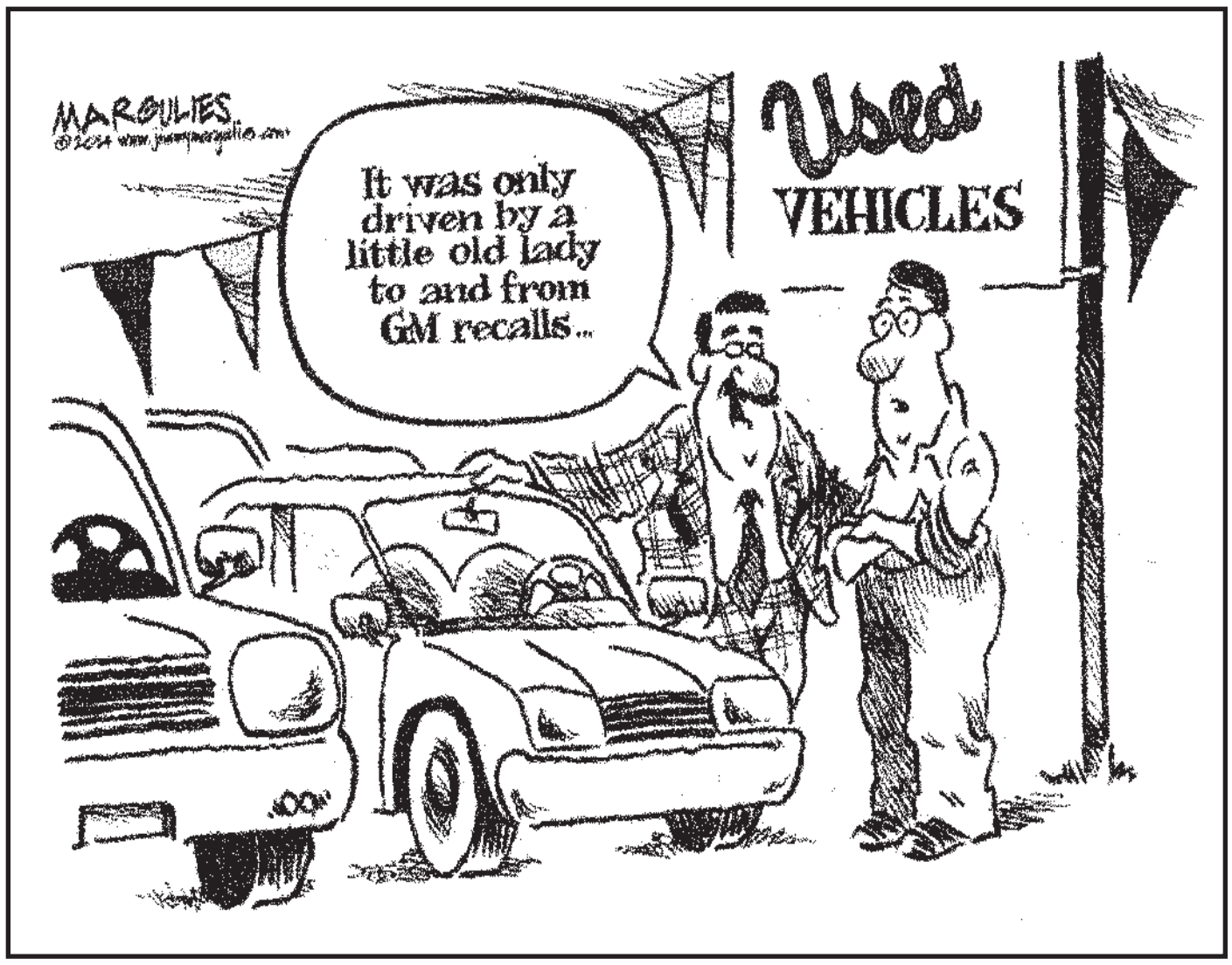
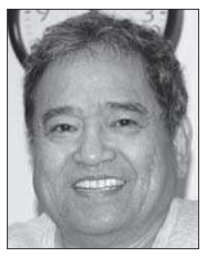


Letting go of San Francisco

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune



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There is nothing in San Francisco that does not tug on my heartstrings. This city was my entry into the NA continent in '65, and after the melodramatic passage under the Golden Gate Bridge in that August morning, I alighted on Embarcadero from a 20-day cross-Pacific sail from Manila to SF via HK, Yokohama, and Honolulu. At sunset, billeted with relations on the foothills of Oakland overlooking the Bay, the sight of a fogless bridge and the wharf overlooking my bay window served as the backdrop of the uncontrolled tears that streamed down my eyes. I was 20; twenty days before, my mother saw me off South Harbor in Manila Bay, to come halfway around the globe for graduate school.

I came back to SF a year later in '66, and spent half a summer when I turned 21 by Union Square getting familiar with cable cars, Geary, Stockton, Market and Powel streets. SF has since become the city where the northern CA members of INHS60 (my high school class in the Philippines) do not hesitate to find an excuse to get together in South San Francisco. This visiting classmate is treated as a long lost brother. I showed up almost 50 years after I last saw a shadow of any of them since I skipped the class' graduation!

More recently, my second daughter's family of Irish husband and two boys moved to the foothills of the East Bay in the Oakland area. After being spoiled a week by my eldest daughter, her husband and her family (two grandsons, too) in Chicago, it was my second child's turn to spoil this old coot on his farewell appearance in North America. They make home in Concord and thanks to the BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit), they are only a 30-minute rail trail from the Embarcadero and Market train station.

A colleague who lives by the Marina had me billeted at the Holiday Inn by the Fisherman's Wharf one day last week with a family dinner. My daughter made sure I had protection from the evening winds that hit the unwary out-of-town visitor, letting me don an Irish Sport's pullover jacket, and since I was within walking distance to the famed Lombard St. zig-zag road, graced with colorful flower pots this season of the year, I blended well, though oddly, with the numerous tourists in town as an Asian Irish sports' fan. I thought of cracking crab legs at the Fisherman's Wharf but I was informed that the service was expensive and the fare is, at best, crabby!

I was a student tourist in '66 when I first came to be a summer resident in the city. It was my first summer in the country after a year of schooling in Kentucky. I thought I would be a bellboy at the Francis Drake Hotel but that summer, the friendly skies of United went empty when UA employees decided to strike, depriving the city of more than half of its regular tourists. A dent on the hotel occupancy left me without a summer job in the city.

An outfit that preyed on foreign students, who expressed themselves relatively well in English, lured us to conduct "market analysis" in neighborhoods—I joined them (a Norwegian, Swede, Chinese, and I comprised a team) in knocking on doors to "place" Colliers' Encyclopedia into "qualified" homes.

Professor Mortimer Adler of the Great Books' fame had a well-crafted sales pitch we used: "Just for the price of a pack of cigarettes a day (25 cents at the time), a set of encyclopedia with a wooden bookcase would be sent to qualified families," we said, after an engaging and well-spirited 30-45 minute presentation, leafing through the plastic laminated pages of book samples. Bonus books were added if the targeted couple (we knocked on homes that had children's toys in the yard) wrote a check of $375 for the whole set to cover the yearbooks that followed the next 10 years.

Our team stayed on wheels and motels during the week as we scoured the suburban landscape for our marks around UC at Berkeley and the foothills north to Richmond and south to Hayward, even putting on a week around Eureka's lumber and timber towns, and cruising along Stanford U in Palo Alto when a cop gently reminded me that it was illegal to knock on people's doors to sell something without securing first a permit from the local business bureau.

That's when my sanity pinged back and immediately resigned from the sales force. I was never good at closing out a sale anyway, for though I supported the notion of "placing a library into qualified families' homes," I knew too well that the pitch was a ruse for a well-crafted sale. I was not selling Hoover vacuum cleaners but the method was the same, so I could just as well have been, and it was illegal.

My INHS60 classmates got together at an SSF residence and they provided a warm and convivial send-out for me. The Pinoy food added to the 10 lbs that already girded my girth gained since I landed in North America some four weeks before. The voices in Iloko spoken freely and fluently was music, and when one of our musical talents set her fingers on the piano keyboard, we started belting out what could have been easily serenade songs in our youth.

Over breakfast, I chatted merrily with my hosts before I was driven to the airport for my flight out. They were polite by not mentioning the obvious. I was wearing my shirt inside out. (They said they did not notice.) Not a fashion statement. I was old and forgetful (left behind my pony tail cap as well). But it was time to get out of town.

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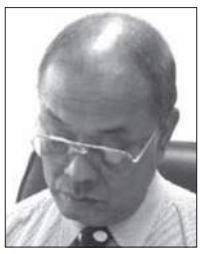
Yearning for leadership



By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune *and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.*

The scarcity of conscious leadership has derailed the Northern Marianas community into the filthy swamp of hopelessness. It has openly trivialized the hardship and misery it has forced upon our people. We now look up each break of dawn to see if the sun has risen out west.

The recent announcement of impending investments would take about 10 years before it makes a difference in the improvement of wages and salaries or the economy as a whole.

With this we're also at a cusp to making significant changes on the financial and economic implosions that have royally made life harder for villagers. Are we ready to shift gear? Or would we allow immaturity a lifetime residency?

We dig down deep into our conscience quizzing what to expect by way of quality and competence in the selection of leadership. What credentials would help the CNMI return to a healthy track it once enjoyed? Would academic and professional competence be sufficient?

Pope Francis, the iconic global heavenly morning star, has restored hope in humanity. He set up residence in Rome in modest quarters, not the Papal Palace. He also told bishops to get out of their palatial walls and meet the people they serve. It's leadership in humility, a down-to-earth authenticity flowing from a deep compassion for the welfare of others.

The pope wanted to talk and connect emotionally to ordinary people, unscripted. Said Margie Warrell, best-selling author of *Stop Playing Safe*, "Given that emotion is a much more powerful driver of behavior than logic and reason alone, it explains why so many intellectually brilliant, highly credentialed leaders struggle to engage employees behind initiatives. Their words simply don't inspire. They may hit the head but they miss the heart, and fail to engage the whole person.

In *Why Leaders Must 'Get Real,'* a leader's power does not reside in being right but in being real. Indeed, issues have become so complicated in the whirlwind of global events. "The simple truth is that people long for leaders who put the interests of others ahead of their own, who are willing to do what is right above what is easy or politically expedient, and who are not afraid to lay their reputation on the line for a cause and a vision that is vastly bigger than themselves."

Local health issues

The steady increase in serious long-term illnesses among our people has set off the alarm bell, signaling a very sick local population. It includes Type II diabetes, heart issues, renal failure, and various cancers.

It tickles my curiosity what causes adult onset diabetes, given the ballooning number of locals trapped in this condition after age 40. Is it our lifestyle? Why the increase in renal (kidney) failure?

The shift from fat and red meat in favor of grain and fruits merits critical review given faulty research work embraced by the feds as the golden rule of nutrition since 1959. It was a "mixture of personal ambition, bad science, politics and bias."

Ms. Nina Teicholz, who has been researching dietary fat and disease for nearly a decade, refutes earlier research work. She explains it in her book, *The Big Fat Surprise: Why Butter, Meat and Cheese Belong in a Healthy Diet*, which will be published by Simon & Schuster this month.

I find the book a must-read and would get a copy to page through it. She refutes the research work done against saturated fat dating back to the 1950s by Dr. Ancel Benjamin Keys.

"A bias in its favor had grown so strong that the idea just started to seem like common sense. As Harvard nutrition professor Mark Hegsted said in 1977, after successfully persuading the U.S. Senate to recommend Dr. Keys' diet for the entire nation, the question wasn't whether Americans should change their diets, but why not? Important benefits could be expected, he argued. The risks? "None can be identified," he said.

"In fact, even back then, other scientists were warning about the diet's potential unintended consequences. Today, we are dealing with the reality that these have come to pass.

"One consequence is that in cutting back on fats, we are now eating a lot more carbohydrates—at least 25 percent more since the early 1970s. Consumption of saturated fat, meanwhile, has dropped by 11 percent, according to the best available government data."

Is starchy food the culprit?

"Translation: Instead of meat, eggs and cheese, we're eating more pasta, grains, fruit and starchy vegetables such as potatoes. Even seemingly healthy low-fat foods such as yogurt are stealth carb-delivery systems, since removing the fat often requires the addition of fillers to make up for lost texture—and these are usually carbohydrate-based.

"The problem is that carbohydrates break down into glucose, which causes the body to release insulin—a hormone that is fantastically efficient at storing fat. Meanwhile, fructose, the main sugar in fruit, causes the liver to generate triglycerides and other lipids in the blood that are altogether bad news. Excessive carbohydrates lead not only to obesity but also, over time, to Type II diabetes and, very likely, heart disease.

"The real surprise is that, according to the best science to date, people put themselves at higher risk for these conditions no matter what kind of carbohydrates they eat. Yes, even unrefined carbs. Too much whole-grain oatmeal for breakfast and whole-grain pasta for dinner, with fruit snacks in between add up to a less healthy diet than one of eggs and bacon, followed by fish.

"The reality is that fat doesn't make you fat or diabetic. Scientific investigations going back to the 1950s suggest that actually, carbs do."

Perhaps this is where serious work is needed in what dieticians here recommend for school lunch programs and food, given chronic diabetics at the hospital or the dialysis center. We love rice loaded with carbs, right? Is this the major culprit in Type II diabetes here? Is it hard water?

In this place

By JIM RAYPHAND
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Jim Rayphand is the executive director of the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems Inc., more popularly known as NMPASI.

The untimely passing of several close friends still weighs heavily on me. There were no good-byes and the news of their demise came like the anomaly of marching storm clouds on a sunny day…dreary, dark and out-of-place—raindrops slid off my face. If only I had known—a final drink perhaps, raised with and in honor of the lives uniquely their own. Alas, in the grand scheme of all things human, mortality reigns supreme. One way or another, we all fall down, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

Like so many before them, my friends were here one day and gone the next, never to be seen again. I am reminded that our time here is limited and that death is a natural part of the human experience. Sad, but true.

Maybe it's my age, but more and more I find myself pondering "the meaning of life" or at least the measure of a good life and what it means to be a good man—greatness measured, if you will.

The late Maya Angelou said, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." And that's really it, isn't it? In the end, all we are left with is our feelings. And, more often than not, it is the way we feel rather than the way we think that drives us (MANDT). How often have you heard, "It's not what you said, but how you said it" (T. Geels)?

As advocates at the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc., we are often asked if we can "provide training on how to work with and/or treat people with disabilities." To the best of our abilities, we gladly oblige such requests. Our message is simple enough, "Treat people with disabilities the same way you would treat anyone else and charge through barriers of discrimination." We know all too well the challenging behaviors associated with people who have certain types of disabilities, but civility remains our minimum standard for treatment of people in general (disability or otherwise).

A colleague put it best when she said that this "basic human concept tends to get lost or forgotten amidst the busyness of our daily professional and personal lives. We get so immersed in the little details of our duties and responsibilities that we neglect the basics—treating every individual with dignity and respect" (T. Evangelista). Can you imagine how it might feel if everyone you met treated you with dignity and respect?

We believe in the MANDT system for conflict resolution, which teaches, among other things, that we should "support people, not just their behaviors."™ MANDT further teaches that building healthy relationships is what facilitates a culture that provides the emotional, psychological, and physical safety needed to teach new, positive behaviors that can replace the behaviors labeled "challenging."

My late friends left me with a feeling that in their presence I could always say, "In this place and with these people, I am safe™" (MANDT). Rest in peace fellas…until we meet again.

For more information on the MANDT system of conflict resolution or about dignity and respect for all, feel free to contact the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI) at (670) 235-7273/4 [tel.] / 235-7275 [fax] / 235-728 [tty] or via the web at www.nmpasi.org.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Retirees vs everyone else

Fellow retirees, this letter is for you! I have seen an unprecedented number of letters from retirees in the news and all of them are backing the governor so they can get their 25 percent back. I just wonder where these retirees were when I was writing about how the Legislature was robbing the Fund and when I was trying to help the Fund. There wasn't one letter of support for what I was trying to do, which truly reminds me of Sodom and Gomorra and God's search for just one righteous person. Well, it is obvious to me that among these retirees writing letters that are so vocal for the governor and their 25 percent that none of them are righteous enough to promote a stance that is in the best interest of everyone in the CNMI—just their own personal interest. Putting oneself before others in society is clearly a selfish act that demonstrates a lack of character with no civic virtue.

We are supposed to be civilized, educated people in this day and age, knowing that we must all exhibit some level of civic virtue if we are to work together for a common cause. If we don't all start putting the CNMI in the forefront of our politics, we will forever be wandering in the economic desert of pestilence. Those who are only interested in their 25 percent are not concerned about what will happen to the rest of us as they can only see a payday for them. The retirees who are OK with the Legislature and governor ignoring the no vote need to know they are building a wall between them and the rest of society, just like I predicted. I even warned retirees they would be used to win the election but the letter writers still don't get it.

I am a retiree and want my 25 percent like everyone else but I know that "all money is not good money," something these retirees who are supporting the governor need to learn and may have to learn the hard way. Don't they know the governor was the Finance secretary when the Fund was being robbed and he helped! Don't they know the governor helped our previous governor kill the Fund and didn't say a word to us but now he pretends to want to help retirees? Don't they know the $30 million is a temporary fix and it still might not happen, given the opposition of citizens and the legal hurdles yet to be cleared here and in Washington? Don't they know you can't get something good from what is clearly an evil act of disrespect and defiance of the will of the people?

Political science and the morality of the casino issue should have been enough for the governor to know that he must put the casino issue on the ballot again. But he is not a politician so we can't expect good political decisions that unite the people because it is clear the governor has divided us with the retirees versus everyone else to get elected.

P.S.: I watched with embarrassment the State of the Commonwealth Address and I can tell readers that the AG Cup and Mock Trial students can deliver a speech better than our governor! The governor also continued with his half-truths in reference to our economy rebounding, which it is. But it is not from anything the governor or the Legislature did but the result of the economies in other countries improving, allowing more citizens to travel! Its common knowledge the governor hasn't done anything to boost our economy, which is why his economy rebounding statement is a very clear example and proof of how the governor has skillfully used half-truths to tell whole lies to get elected. Don't be suckers voters as you should just stop listening and pick someone else in November.

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
▲87° ▼79°	▲87° ▼79°	▲87° ▼78°	▲87° ▼79°	▲87° ▼79°

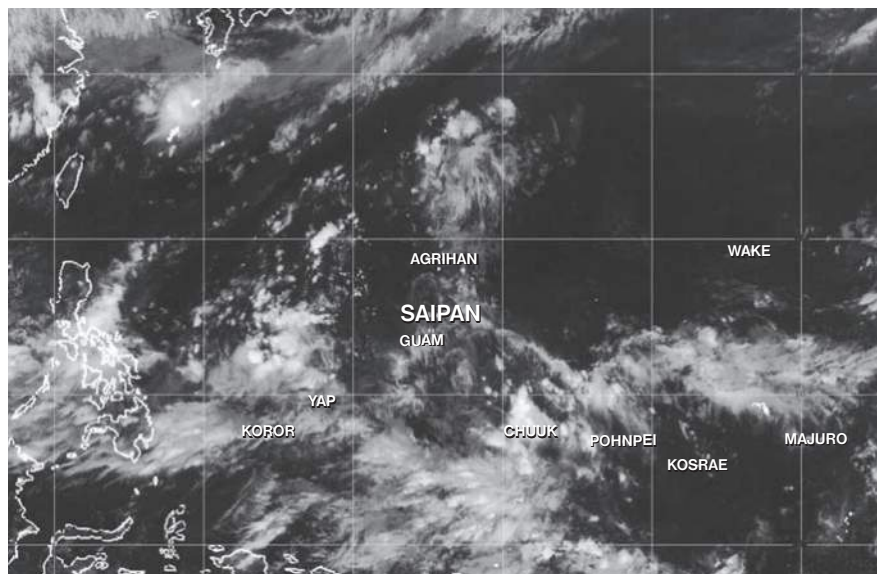
Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲85	▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼80
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲55	▼50
Beijing	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼71
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲86	▼80
Honolulu	Sunny	▲85	▼75
London	Sunny	▲76	▼59
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼64
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲90	▼77
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲63	▼45
Miami	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼78
New York	Windy	▲87	▼73
Osaka	Showers	▲84	▼68
Paris	Sunny	▲77	▼54
Pusan	Cloudy	▲74	▼67
Rome	Sunny	▲83	▼64
Salem	Sunny	▲97	▼60
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲66	▼54
Seoul	Showers	▲86	▼68
Tokyo	Showers	▲81	▼70
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲95	▼78

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough curves from across 12N130E to southeast of Guam near 11N148E then turns southeastward through a weak circulation southwest of Pohnpei at 5N157E before ending near 4N161E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across Yap state and the Republic of Palau are between 14N and 2N from 130E to 140E. Patchy areas of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are south of Guam between 13N and the equator from 142E to 155E. A surface trough northeast of the Marianas is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between 25N and 20N from 145E to 150E. An upper-level low is triggering showers and isolated thunderstorms east of Wake Island within 100 miles of 19N176E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms northwest of Majuro across Kwajalein between 14N and 8N from 160E to 172E and northeast of Tarawa east of a line from 5N177E to 2N177E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:11 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
6:15 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet
10:54 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
5:55 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Thursday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:51 AM	6:52 PM
Saturday	5:51 AM	6:52 PM
Sunday	5:52 AM	6:52 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:36 AM	10:11 PM
Thursday	10:23 AM	10:49 PM
Friday	11:10 AM	11:28 PM
Saturday	11:59 AM	
Sunday	12:48 PM	12:07 AM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	1, 3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	9:50pm	1, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
D28009	12:50pm	4:05pm	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU763	7:20am	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5039	10:25pm	2:00pm+1	6 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	4, 7 via GUM-Rota
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UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5039	11:30pm	2:00pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
D28008	6:05pm	1:20am+1	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5038	9:55pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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New annual catch limits for US Pacific fisheries

HONOLULU—The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council completed Friday its three-day meeting in Honolulu with recommendations regarding annual catch limits, or ACLs, for federally managed species in Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Pacific Remote Island Areas. The council also addressed other measures for U.S. Pacific Islands fisheries operating seaward of state/territorial waters. Council recommendations are transmitted to the Secretary of Commerce for final approval.

Annual Catch Limits

For CNMI reef shark, bumphead parrotfish and humphead wrasse in American Samoa, Guam, and the CNMI and precious corals, deep-water shrimp, slipper lobsters and Kona crab in all island areas, the council recommended that the ACLs for fishing years 2015-2018 remain the same as the 2014 ACLs. All of these stock/stock complexes did not exceed the ACLs in 2012 and 2013 or have no new scientific information and catch data.

For the main Hawaiian Island Deep 7 bottomfish fishery, the council recommended that the 2013-14 ACL of 346,000 pounds be rolled over for fishing year 2014-15 and that a review of the most recent stock assessment be conducted. The Deep 7 fishery includes six deep-water snappers and a grouper.

The council recommended that the ACLs for several other species/species complexes be 5 percent lower than their acceptable biological catch. They include MHI non-Deep 7 bottomfish; reef sharks in Hawaii, American Samoa, and Guam; and spiny lobsters in all island areas. The reduction takes into account social, ecological, economic, and management uncertainty. MHI non-Deep 7 bottomfish includes such species as grey snapper (uku) and ulua.

The council noted that 2013 catches for MHI non-deep 7 bottomfish and Hawaii crabs, mollusk, parrotfish, squirrelfish and surgeonfish exceeded the 2013 ACLs for the second time. In 2013, catches of Hawaii spiny lobsters, Guam jacks, and CNMI bigeye-scad and goatfish also exceeded their specified 2013 ACLs. The Hawaii overages are likely a result of the 2009 implementation of the civil resource violation penalties by the State of Hawaii, which may have improved catch reporting.

The CNMI and Guam overages were likely the result of catch overestimates caused by extrapolating the catches of a small number of fishermen with high catches to estimate total islandwide catch. Although the overfishing limit is not known, other biological indicators suggest that the overages will not impact stock sustainability or result in overfishing. The council will work with Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources to closely monitor the Hawaii spiny lobster and parrotfish fishery and to get a better understanding on the effect of changes in ACLs on these stocks and impacts of the CRV.

Recognizing that for some species groups, catch has exceeded the ACL more than once in a four-year period, the council is modifying its system for specifying ACLs by applying a model that uses additional data to calculate maximum sustainable yield and overfishing limits for federally managed species.

Pelagic fisheries

The National Marine Fisheries Service recently announced the overfished condition of West Central North Pacific striped marlin stock. The council will draft domestic regulations to prohibit the retention of WCNP striped marlin in the Hawaii longline fishery when 95 percent of the U.S. limit is reached by the Hawaii longline fishery. The council will take final action on this issue at its next meeting, Oct. 20-23, 2014, in Honolulu.

To provide support to the American Samoa longline fishery for albacore, the council at its March 2014 meeting began looking at providing a temporary exemption to fish within portions of the American Samoa Large Vessel Prohibited Area (LVPA). The LVPA was developed to address potential gear conflict with the small-scale alia (catamaran long-line) fishery. The alia fishery has subsequently declined in size. The council noted its support for all forms of pelagic fishing in American Samoa and the need to balance existing fishing activity and fishery development aspirations. It deferred action until further discussions and public meetings are held with representatives of the American Samoa government, Swains Island, Tutuila, Manua Islands and American Samoa fishermen. The council will reconsider the LVPA at its next meeting, Oct. 20-23, 2014, in Honolulu.

The council will work with the State of Hawaii to explore options for increasing the commercial minimum size limit for yellowfin and bigeye tuna including a potential size limit of 24 inches.

Archipelagic fisheries

Hawaii Fishery Ecosystem: The council will consider options to change the federal non-commercial bag limit of five Deep-7 bottomfish per person per day and to establish a grace period of up to seven days for the possession of bottomfish for seafood dealers and markets should the MHI bottomfish fishery be closed after reaching its ACL.

Mariana Fishery Ecosystem: The council will communicate to the Department of Defense on behalf of the Guam fishing community concerns about impacts to traditional fishing grounds from the potential establishment of the Ritidian firing range complex. The complex is also a national wildlife preserve and Marine Protected Area. The proposed military closure of part of the refuge for up to 39 weeks out of the year would be more than half of the total days fishermen are currently allowed to fish.

The council will also continue to support activities addressing immigrant fishing impacts on Guam's resources through existing council projects.

The council will transmit to the National Marine Fisheries Service amendment to the Mariana Fishery Ecosystem Plan to remove the 50-nautical-mile closure for bottomfish vessels over 40 feet in length around the southern islands of Rota, Tinian, Aguijan and Farallon de Medinilla and 10 nautical miles around Alamagan.

American Samoa Fishery Ecosystem: The council will request Certificate of Origin information from the National Marine Fisheries Service for foreign landings in Pago Pago to evaluate landings trends and assess the leakage of foreign-caught fish into local markets. The council will consult with fishing industry representatives to develop a fisheries training program and assist the American Samoa government with the following: 1) to identify potential markets for locally caught fish in American Samoa and to explore the potential for fish for the Manu`a Islands to be used in the local school lunch program; 2) to standardize docking fees for fishing vessels in Pago Pago Harbor and assist in the planning activities to address dock space for all vessels in Pago Pago including container ships, cruise ships and purse seine, longline and alia fishing vessels; and 3) to identify the potential impacts to the Territory of the proposed expansion of the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument. The council additionally recommended that the American Samoa National Marine Sanctuary program complete a study to identify direct economic benefits of the Sanctuary to American Samoa and draft a research plan and make it available for review to local agencies, community members and the Council. The council also recommended that the American Samoa government reestablish the American Samoa Ocean Regional council and to consider participation by ocean users and other affected individuals and businesses.

For more information, visit the meetings section of the Council's website at www.wpcouncil.org or contact the council at info.wpcouncil@noaa.gov or (808) 522-8220. ***(WPRFMC)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy birthday to our talented and awesome "Rock Star" Joseph Rosario! We are very proud of you and we hope you enjoy your special day. Much love from your family and friends.

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Happy 4th birthday Izeiah Walter Sambile Bodig! You should have four of the world's brightest candles to blow out because you've made the world a much brighter place to live for four whole years. Love always, Mum.

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Happy birthday greetings go out to Ben Jones Jr.! Wishing you a day that is as special in every way as you are. May God continue to bless you always. Lots of love from Tatum Mamet, Honeydew, and your Jones and Maraflo families.

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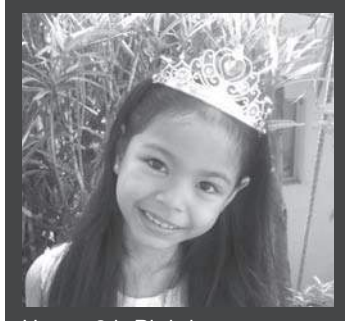

Happy 8th Birthday to our second-born daughter, Bless Serapio Tomokane! May God permit you more years before His return, to grow in age and in spirit, and to keep doing that which is right and well-pleasing in His sight. We love you so much, and only Jesus loves you more! Greetings come from Dad, Mom, Ate 'Kaela, Bine-Bine, Sha-Sha, Sam, and Bet-Bet.

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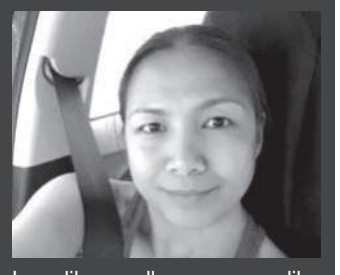

Less like a colleague, more like a friend. Never annoying, always helpful in every way. Less of a co-worker, more of a mate. You are the reason why we love coming to work every day. Happy birthday Luisa Santos! Wishing you many more birthdays to come!

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Happy anniversary to my beautiful wife Leila Deleon Guerrero! People say perfection is unattainable. I am fortunate to wake up each morning to the smile of my god-send perfect woman. Thank you for blessing me with my wonderful kids and priceless memories. We love you always and forever!

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Media visit to promote Hong Kong charter flights

To promote new charter flights from Hong Kong to Saipan launched in May 2014, five major newspaper and magazine journalists from Guangdong province visited the Northern Marianas this month to learn more about the destination first-hand.

The representatives of the publications, all targeting "high-consuming" groups, were on Saipan June 2-5, 2014. Their itinerary included an island and jungle tour, a sunset cruise, marine sports and a barbeque lunch at Managaha, a submarine tour, a tour of American Memorial Park and Garapan, and golf at Lao Lao Bay Golf & Resort.

"It's been several years since the NMI has had direct flights from Hong Kong, and we are looking forward to visitors coming from this source city again," said Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "In addition, the Hong Kong flights are anticipated to draw many visitors from nearby Guangdong province and perhaps even provide a connection from Taiwan."

MVA

Media representatives of five newspaper and magazines from Guangdong, China, visited the peak of Saipan on Mt. Tapochau on June 3, 2014, as part of their FAM tour.

The participating publications were *Shenzhen Economic Daily-Travel Weekly Magazine*, targeting government, private companies, and high consumption readers with a circulation of 600,000 copies; *Guangzhou Boutique Life*, targeting high income groups in southern China with a circulation of 500,000; *Shenzen Daily*, targeting white-collar elite with a circulation of 500,000; *DongGuan Daily*, targeting the middle and high-market with a circulation of 200,000; and *Southern Daily News*, targeting the high consumption reader market with a circulation of 180,000.

The FAM(ilarization) tour group also sampled seafood dinner and a cultural dinner show at Fiesta Resort & Spa, lunch at Lao Lao Bay Golf & Resort, and lunch at Isla Café. Hotel inspections were also conducted of Hyatt Regency Saipan and Fiesta, where the group lodged during their tour.

In May 2014, 131visitors arrived in the Northern Mariana Islands from Hong Kong compared to 48 visitors in May 2013, and 646 in May of 2011 when flights last flew from HK direct to the CNMI. ***(MVA)***

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IT&E community volunteer employees, family members, student interns, and Saipan Paddling Club members have their picture taken after participating in a Beach Road pathway cleanup on Saturday, June 28.

IT&E cleans Beach Road pathway with help of over 60 volunteers

IT&E community volunteers took to the Beach Road pathway once again bright and early on Saturday, June 28, for their Quarterly Pathway Cleanup.

Over 60 volunteers comprising employees, family members, student interns, and the Saipan Paddling Club joined in the cleanup effort, gathering at the Old Japanese Tank near the Quartermaster intersection at 5:45am. Groups then took to the north and the south and worked toward the central meeting point, picking up all trash and debris along the way.

The summer has brought a mix of weather, allowing for a lot of fallen leaves and other trash debris buildup to clutter the beachside walkway, a regular source of exercise for residents, visitors, and IT&E employees. Following the Saturday cleanup, the pathway was left immaculate with over 22 large bags of trash and debris collected.

Afterwards the group kicked back and recharged with a hearty breakfast, fresh fruits and other refreshments, as well as a participant raffle. In addition to being a great community service, the cleanup initiative also provides time for employees to get together and for the company to partner with some of its sponsored groups such as the Saipan Paddling Club.

IT&E's quarterly cleanup is only one of its many Corporate Citizenship Initiatives as IT&E is also a proud sponsor of various sports, education, and community activities.

IT&E is the CNMI's first and leading telecom service provider, specializing in wireless, Internet, long distance and business solutions services. ***(IT&E)***

NMIS students, staff join hands in beach clean up

The Northern Marianas International School is committed to preserving our Mother Earth. About 60 students, teachers, and staff of NMIS gathered at the Sugar Dock in Susupe for a cleanup drive as part of the summer school program "Ecological Awareness."

NMIS is one of the fast-growing schools on Saipan. Its summer program started the first batch last June 9 up to July 4. The second batch will start on July 9 to Aug. 1 and the third and last batch will be from Aug. 4 to 15.

Programs for Grades 1 to 8 include photography, marine awareness, public speaking, ecological and historical awareness, and ESL and CSL (Chinese as a second language). The kindergarten class will have arts and crafts, baking, and cooking

Enrollment for the school year 2014-2015 is ongoing! For more information call (670) 234-NMIS (6647). ***(NMIS)***

Guam Guard ceremony to honor CNMI soldiers' service

The Guam National Guard will be recognizing soldiers from the CNMI who returned from deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom during a ceremony today, July 2, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, Saipan, starting at 10am.

The Freedom Salute ceremony honors the 16 soldiers from the CNMI who were deployed with the 1st-294th Infantry Regiment, also known as Task Force Guam.

The Freedom Salute Ceremony allows the community to honor the soldiers for their service to the islands and the nation. Spouses, family members and employers will also be recognized for the sacrifices they made during the deployment.

The public is invited to show their appreciation to the soldiers and their families. ***(PR)***

Business

GM safety crisis grows as recalls mount

DETROIT (AP)—General Motors' safety crisis deepened dramatically Monday when the automaker added 8.2 million vehicles to its ballooning list of cars recalled over faulty ignition switches.

The latest recalls involve mainly older midsize cars and bring GM's total recalls in North America to 29 million this year, surpassing the 22 million recalled by all automakers last year. They also raise questions about the safety of ignition switches in cars made by all manufacturers.

In the latest recalls, GM said keys may be jostled or accidentally bumped, causing the ignition to slip out of the "run" position. The recalls cover seven vehicles, including the Chevrolet Malibu from 1997 to 2005, the Pontiac Grand Prix from 2004 to 2008, and the 2003-2014 Cadillac CTS.

The company is aware of three deaths, eight injuries and seven crashes involving the vehicles, although it says there's no clear evidence that faulty switches caused the accidents. Air bags didn't deploy in the three fatal accidents, which is a sign that the ignition was out of position. But air bags may not deploy for other reasons as well.

A GM spokesman couldn't say Monday if more recalls are imminent. But this may be the end of the recalls associated with a 60-day review of all of the company's ignition switches. At the company's annual meeting earlier in June, CEO Mary Barra said she hoped most recalls related to that review would be completed by the end of the month.

Karl Brauer, an industry analyst with Kelley Blue Book, said the number of recalls—while huge—may be a good thing for the company in the long run.

"I think there's a new standard for what GM considers a potential safety defect, and Mary Barra has no tolerance or patience for potential safety defects that are unresolved," he said.

In a statement Monday, Barra said "we will act appropriately and without hesitation" if any new issues come to light.

Lance Cooper, a Marietta, Georgia, attorney who is suing GM, said he was not surprised by the additional recalls and expects even more. A company-funded investigation of the ignition switch problems by former U.S. Attorney Anton Valukas found that GM had a dysfunctional corporate culture in which people didn't take responsibility to fix the problems, Cooper said.

"Cars got made that were defective. The buck kept getting passed, and this is what happened as a result," Cooper said.

The announcement of more recalls extends a crisis for GM that began in February with small-car ignition switch problems. GM recalled 2.6 million older small cars worldwide because the switches can unexpectedly slip from "run" to "accessory," shutting off the engines. That disables power steering and power brakes and can cause people to lose control of their cars. It also stops the air bags from inflating in a crash. GM has been forced to admit that it knew of the problem more than 10 years, yet it failed to recall the cars until this year.

Court: Religious rights trump birth control rule

WASHINGTON (AP)—A sharply divided Supreme Court ruled Monday that some companies with religious objections can avoid the contraceptives requirement in President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, the first time the high court has declared that businesses can hold religious views under federal law.

The justices' 5-4 decision, splitting conservatives and liberals, means the Obama administration must search for a different way of providing free contraception to women who are covered under the health insurance plans of objecting companies.

Justice Samuel Alito wrote in his majority opinion, over a dissent from the four liberal justices, that forcing companies to pay for methods of women's contraception to which they object violates the 1993 Religious Freedom Restoration Act. He said the ruling is limited and there are ways for the administration to ensure women get the birth control they want.

But White House press secretary Josh Earnest said the decision creates health risks for women, and he said Congress should take action to make sure they get coverage.

"President Obama believes that women should make personal health care decisions for themselves rather than their bosses deciding for them," Earnest said. "Today's decision jeopardizes the health of the women who are employed by these companies."

Contraception is among a range of preventive services that must be provided at no extra charge under the health care law that Obama signed in 2010. Nearly 30 million women receive birth control as a result of the health law, the government has said.

Benefits experts say they expect little impact from the ruling because employers use health benefits to recruit and retain workers. But one constitutional law scholar, Marci Hamilton of Yeshiva University, cautioned that more than 80 percent of U.S. corporations are closely held and she said they could "now be able to discriminate against their employees."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Fracking study finds new gas wells leak more

WASHINGTON (AP)—In Pennsylvania's gas drilling boom, newer and unconventional wells leak far more often than older and traditional ones, according to a study of state inspection reports for 41,000 wells. The results suggest that leaks of methane could be a problem for drilling across the nation, said study lead author Cornell University engineering professor Anthony Ingraffea, who heads an environmental activist group that helped pay for the study. The research was criticized by the energy industry. Marcellus Shale Coalition spokesman Travis Windle said it reflects Ingraffea's "clear pattern of playing fast and loose with the facts."

French bank BNP guilty of US sanctions violations

WASHINGTON (AP)—France's largest bank, BNP Paribas, has agreed to pay nearly $9 billion to resolve criminal allegations that it processed transactions for clients in Sudan and other blacklisted countries in violation of U.S. trade sanctions, the Justice Department announced Monday. The bank pleaded guilty to state charges in New York and plans another guilty plea in federal court next month. After months of negotiations, BNP admitted to violating U.S. trade sanctions by processing billions of dollars in illegal transactions on behalf of clients in Sudan, Cuba and Iran. The United States had imposed sanctions on the countries to block their participation in the global financial system. The transactions, which prosecutors say were processed through its New York branch office from at least 2004 through 2012, were handled at the same time as human rights abuses—including the genocide in Sudan—were occurring in those nations.

Nation

Obama: I'll act on my own on immigration

WASHINGTON (AP)—Conceding defeat on a top domestic priority, President Barack Obama blamed a Republican "year of obstruction" for the demise of sweeping immigration legislation on Monday and said he would take new steps without Congress to fix as much of the system as he can on his own.

"The only thing I can't do is stand by and do nothing," the president said. But he gave few hints about what steps he might take by executive action.

Even as he blamed House Republicans for frustrating him on immigration, Obama asked Congress for more money and additional authority to deal with the unexpected crisis of a surge of unaccompanied Central American youths arriving by the thousands at the Southern border. Obama wants flexibility to speed the youths' deportations and $2 billion in new money to hire more immigration judges and open more detention facilities, requests that got a cool reception from congressional Republicans and angered advocates.

The twin announcements came as the administration confronted the tricky politics of immigration in a midterm election year with Democratic control of the Senate in jeopardy. The fast-developing humanitarian disaster on the border has provoked calls for a border crackdown at the same moment that immigration advocates are demanding Obama loosen deportation rules in the face of congressional inaction.

Obama's announcement came almost a year to the day after the Senate passed a historic immigration bill that would have spent billions to secure the border and offered a path to citizenship for many of the 11.5 million people now here illegally. Despite the efforts of an extraordinary coalition of businesses, unions, religious leaders, law enforcement officials and others, the GOP-led House never acted.

AP

President Barack Obama speaks about immigration reform, Monday, June 30, 2014, in the Rose Garden at the White House.

Boy's death draws attention to immigration perils

EDINBURG, Texas (AP)—When authorities found an 11-year-old Guatemalan boy's body about a mile from Texas' southern border, they also discovered his brother's Chicago phone number scribbled on the inside of his belt buckle.

The boy, wearing "Angry Birds" jeans, black leather boots and a white rosary around his neck, had apparently gotten lost on his way north from his native country and was found about two weeks ago, alone in the brush less than a mile from the nearest U.S. home, a South Texas sheriff said Monday.

While hundreds of immigrants die crossing the border each year, the discovery of Gilberto Francisco Ramos Juarez's decomposed body in the Rio Grande Valley on June 15 highlights the perils unaccompanied children face as the U.S. government searches for ways to deal with record numbers of children crossing into the country illegally.

"Down here finding a decomposed body ... we come across them quite often," Hidalgo County Sheriff Eddie Guerra said, adding that this was the first child immigrant his office has found since he became sheriff in April. "It's a very dangerous journey."

More than 52,000 unaccompanied children have been apprehended entering the U.S. illegally since October, creating what President Barack Obama has called an "urgent humanitarian situation." On Monday, Obama asked Congress for more money and additional authority to deal with the surge of youths, mostly from Central America. Obama wants flexibility to speed the youths' deportations and $2 billion to hire more immigration judges and open more detention facilities.

The number of unaccompanied immigrant children picked up along the border has been rising for three years as they fled pervasive gang violence in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador. More recently, children and parents have said they heard children traveling alone and parents traveling with young kids would be released by authorities and allowed to continue to their destination.

Washington faces difficulties launching legal pot

SEATTLE (AP)—Pete O'Neil saw Washington's legalization of marijuana in 2012 as a path to retirement, or at least to his kids' college tuition.

He's paid tens of thousands of dollars in rent on possible locations for a pot-shop chain, hired lawyers and picked out flooring. But now the nation's second legal recreational marijuana industry is about to start without him.

O'Neil struck out in Washington's lottery for coveted pot-shop licenses. He has unsuccessfully tried to buy companies that scored a lucky number. In frustration, he's turning what would have been his Seattle retail store into a medical marijuana dispensary.

"Our company is bleeding money, and I haven't sold a single joint," O'Neil says.

As Washington plows toward the legalization of pot, it's finding that getting the cannabis market off the ground has been even tougher than anyone imagined.

Among the frustrated are growers who have been waiting months for permission to start raising their bar-coded plants; advocates who wish more public health messaging had been done by now; and would-be pot vendors like O'Neil who say bad luck, minor oversights on their applications, or errors by state officials have torpedoed otherwise promising efforts.

Washington's Liquor Control Board expects to issue the first 15 to 20 marijuana retail licenses July 7, months later than first expected, but it's not clear how many of those shops are ready to open. Board staff said last week only one shop in Seattle is prepared for its final inspection.

Randy Simmons, the board's legal pot project manager, predicts a "bumpy road," with an initial shortage of stores and marijuana alike. Many businesses that got lucky in the pot-shop lottery in April have since been disqualified, such as by being too close to schools or playgrounds. Others haven't finished building or made deals to buy pot from licensed growers.

Asia

The stories of 12 Japanese abducted by North Korea

By MARI YAMAGUCHI
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TOKYO (AP)—A 13-year-old schoolgirl walking home after badminton practice. A 28-year-old restaurant employee sent by his boss to Vienna. A young couple on a date, driving to the beach to see the sunset. They are among at least 17 Japanese—possibly many more than that—who were abducted by North Korea more than three decades ago.

The apparent reasons included training agents in Japanese language and social norms, or stealing identities so the agents could masquerade as Japanese for espionage and terrorism aimed mainly at South Korea.

North Korea allowed five to return in 2002, but the fate of the others remains unclear. In talks with Japan in Beijing on Tuesday, North Korea is expected to detail plans to investigate what happened to them, a possible step toward their eventual repatriation to Japan.

The 12 who Japan says have never come back paint a picture of lives interrupted, as if in mid-sentence, and irrevocably changed. At least three were students in Europe who may have been lured to North Korea by Japanese left-wing radicals. Others were bundled into small boats on the Japanese coast to cross the water to North Korea.

Here are brief descriptions of the 12 missing people, based on information from the Japanese government and support groups for the families of the abductees:

MISSING: Yutaka Kume, security guard in Tokyo

AGE WHEN ABDUCTED: 52

HIS STORY: Disappeared on Sept. 19, 1977, after traveling to Japan's west coast to meet an acquaintance who was actually a North Korean spy on a mission to abduct a single Japanese male aged between 45 and 50.

MISSING: Kyoko Matsumoto, office worker

AGE WHEN ABDUCTED: 29

HER STORY: Kidnapped on her way to knitting class in western Japan on Oct. 21, 1977. A neighbor spotted her with two men in the pine tree woods near the coast, about 200 meters (600 feet) from her home. The neighbor asked what they were doing, and one of the men punched him in the face. He fell down in pain and when he looked around, the others had disappeared, leaving behind only a sandal.

MISSING: Megumi Yokota, student

AP

This undated photo shows Yutaka Kume, one of the 12 that Japan says North Korea abducted in the 1970s and 80s.

AGE WHEN ABDUCTED: 13

HER STORY: The symbol of Japan's abduction victims, Yokota is widely known for a photo of her in a navy blue school uniform standing under a row of cherry trees in full bloom. She never came home from badminton practice on Nov. 15, 1977, one day after giving her now 81-year-old father a comb on his birthday. A Japanese government website says she was confined in a dark compartment in a boat for nearly two days, crying "mother" and scratching the wall until her nails were nearly peeled off.

MISSING: Minoru Tanaka, Chinese restaurant employee

AGE WHEN ABDUCTED: 28

HIS STORY: Sent by Han Yon Dae, the owner of the restaurant he worked at, to Vienna in June 1978, Tanaka was never seen again. Han turned out to be a North Korea agent living in Japan. The case came to light after another agent told a Japanese magazine in 1996 that he had collaborated with Han and a third spy in Tanaka's abduction.

MISSING: Yaeko Taguchi, bar hostess

AGE WHEN ABDUCTED: 22

HER STORY: Disappeared in Tokyo in June 1978, leaving behind a 3-year-old son and 1-year-old daughter. Years later, during the trial of North Korean agent Kim Hyon Hui for the bombing of a Korean Air flight in 1987, Kim said she was trained in Japanese language and culture by a woman who Japanese authorities believe was Taguchi.

MISSING: Shuichi Ichikawa, phone company employee, and Rumiko Masumoto, office worker

AGE WHEN ABDUCTED: 23 (Ichikawa) and 24 (Masumoto)

THEIR STORY: Told their families on Aug. 12, 1978, they were driving to Fukiage Beach, on Japan's southern island of Kyushu, to see the sunset. Two days later, Ichikawa's car was found near a campground at the beach.

MISSING: Miyoshi Soga, homemaker

AGE WHEN ABDUCTED: 46

HER STORY: Disappeared with her 19-year-old daughter Hitomi after they went grocery shopping on Japan's Sado Island on Aug. 12, 1978. North Korea later arranged Hitomi's marriage to Charles Jenkins, an American army deserter who had crossed from South to North Korea in 1965. Hitomi was one of the five who returned to Japan in 2002. Jenkins and their two daughters followed two years later.

MISSING: Toru Ishioka and Kaoru Matsuki, college students

AGE WHEN ABDUCTED: 22 (Ishioka) and 26 (Matsuki)

THEIR STORY: Both men disappeared while in Madrid in May 1980. North Korea says Ishioka agreed to come after meeting in Spain with two wives of Japanese Red Army Faction radicals who had fled to North Korea after hijacking a Japan Airlines flight in 1970. A letter from Ishioka to his family in 1988 said he and Matsuki were in North Korea. Ishioka's passport was used by North Korean agents, according to police.

MISSING: Tadaaki Hara, Chinese restaurant cook

AGE WHEN ABDUCTED: 43

HIS STORY: Taken out for drinks and dinner in Osaka by a group of North Korean spies in June 1980. They then took him by train to a beach resort in Kyushu, the southern island, and then by boat to North Korea. One of the spies, Shin Kwang Su, later traveled several times on a passport under Hara's name, including to South Korea, according to Japanese police.

MISSING: Keiko Arimoto, college student studying in London

AGE WHEN ABDUCTED: 23

HER STORY: Disappeared while traveling in Europe in July 1983. Megumi Yao, another of the wives of the Japan Airlines hijackers, later told a Japanese court that she had approached Arimoto in London, and with the lure of a false job offer, arranged for her to meet one of the hijackers and a North Korean agent posing as a businessman or diplomat in Copenhagen. Yao, who had returned to Japan, was testifying at the trial of another of the wives.

World

Islamic state declaration could lead to schism

BAGHDAD (AP)—A militant extremist group's unilateral declaration of an Islamic state is threatening to undermine its already-tenuous alliance with other Sunnis who helped it overrun much of northern and western Iraq.

One uneasy ally has vowed to resist if the militants try to impose their strict interpretation of Shariah law.

Fighters from the al-Qaida breakaway group Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant have spearheaded the offensive in recent weeks that has plunged Iraq into its deepest crisis since the last U.S. troops left in 2011. The group's lightning advance has brought under its control territory stretching from northern Syria as far as the outskirts of Baghdad in central Iraq.

In a bold move Sunday, the group announced the establishment of its own state, or caliphate, governed by Islamic law. It proclaimed its leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, a highly ambitious Iraqi militant with a $10 million U.S. bounty on his head, to be the caliph, and it demanded that Muslims around the world pledge allegiance to him.

Through brute force and meticulous planning, the Sunni extremist group—which said it was changing its name to simply the Islamic State, dropping the reference to Iraq and the Levant—has managed to effectively erase the Syria-Iraq border and lay the foundations of its proto-state. Along the way, it has battled Syrian rebels, Kurdish militias and the Syrian and Iraqi militaries.

Now, the group's declaration risks straining its loose alliances with other Sunnis who share the militants' hopes of bringing down Iraq's Shiite-led government but not necessarily its ambitions of carving out a transnational caliphate. Iraq's minority Sunnis complain they have been treated as second-class citizens and unfairly targeted by security forces.

Topping the list of uneasy allies is the Army of the Men of the Naqshabandi Order, a Sunni militant organization with ties to Saddam Hussein's now-outlawed Baath Party. The group depicts itself as a nationalist force that defends Iraq's Sunnis from Shiite rule.

A senior Naqshabandi commander in Diyala province northeast of Baghdad told The Associated Press that his group has "no intention" of joining the Islamic State or working under it. He said that "would be a difficult thing to do because our ideology is different from the Islamic State's extremist ideology."

Ukrainian president ends unilateral ceasefire

KIEV, Ukraine (AP)—Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko said he was abandoning a unilateral cease-fire in the conflict with pro-Russian separatists and sending military forces back on the offensive after talks with Russia and European leaders failed to start a broader peace process.

Poroshenko's decision, announced shortly after the much-violated 10-day cease-fire expired, raises the prospect of renewed escalation of a conflict that has killed more than 400 people.

A grave Poroshenko made a televised address early Tuesday vowing that "we will attack, and we will free our country." The cease-fire expired at 10 p.m. Monday.

There was no immediate sign of a response from Russia early Tuesday.

The idea behind the truce announced June 20 was to give pro-Russian rebels a chance to disarm and to start a broader peace process including an amnesty and new elections. Poroshenko, a wealthy candy magnate elected May 25, had already extended the cease-fire from seven days.

But rebels did not disarm, and the cease-fire was continually violated, with both sides blaming each other. Rebels called the cease-fire fake and did not yield to Poroshenko's latest push to get them to turn over key border crossings with Russia and permit international monitoring.

"The unique chance to put the peace plan into practice was not realized," Poroshenko said. "This happened because of the criminal actions of the fighters." He said the militants violated the truce "more than a hundred times."

Poroshenko said the government was ready to go back to the cease-fire "at any moment, when we see that all sides are keeping to the basic points of the peace plan."

Bodies of missing Israeli teens found in West Bank

JERUSALEM (AP)—The Israeli military found the bodies of three missing teenagers on Monday just over two weeks after they were abducted in the West Bank—a grim discovery that ended a frantic search that led to Israel's largest ground operation in the Palestinian territory in nearly a decade and drew Israeli threats of retaliation.

"Hamas is responsible and Hamas will pay," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed, referring to the Islamic militant group that Israel has accused of carrying out the kidnappings.

The teenagers "were kidnapped and murdered in cold blood by human animals," the Israeli leader said as he convened an emergency meeting of his Security Cabinet.

The three-hour session ended after midnight without any decisions, and officials were expected to resume deliberations on Tuesday.

Early Tuesday, Israel carried out an especially intense series of airstrikes in Gaza, saying it had struck 34 targets across the Hamas-controlled territory. The military said the airstrikes were a response to a barrage of 18 rockets fired into Israel since late Sunday.

"The IDF will continue to act in order to restore the peaceful living to the civilians of the state of Israel. The Hamas terror organization and its extensions are solely responsible for any terror activities emanating from the Gaza Strip," said Lt. Col. Peter Lerner, a military spokesman.

There were no further details on the targets, but in recent weeks Israel has repeatedly targeted launch sites and weapons storage areas in similar attacks. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

The kidnapping episode has put Netanyahu in a difficult position. With a public enraged over the deaths, the Israeli leader has widespread support to strike Hamas. But after a two-week crackdown against the group, he could have a tough time finding new targets. He is also facing international calls for restraint.

Eyal Yifrah, 19, Gilad Shaar, 16, and Naftali Fraenkel, a 16-year-old with dual Israeli-American citizenship, disappeared June 12 while hitchhiking home from the Jewish seminaries where they were studying near the West Bank city of Hebron. Despite the dangers, hitchhiking is common among Israelis traveling in and out of Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

In an operation codenamed "Brother's Keeper," Israel dispatched thousands of troops across the West Bank in search of the youths, closed roads in the Hebron area and arrested some 400 Hamas operatives throughout the territory. The search ended Monday afternoon with the discovery of the bodies under a pile of rocks in a field north of Hebron.

Focus

Owner of SUNKEN FERRY blamed for 5 earlier crashes

By YOUKYUNG LEE
AP Business Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—In the same narrow waterways where more than 300 people died this spring aboard the ferry Sewol, another ship owned by the same company crashed into an oil tanker 11 years earlier. The ferry's captain had chosen the difficult water path to cut a mere seven miles from its journey.

It was among five crashes, from 2003 to 2011, that government investigators blamed mostly on sailors of Chonghaejin Marine Co. ferries. Three of the incidents occurred within a 12-month span, and after those occurred, a government investigator chided the company for failing to make safety reforms.

None of the crashes caused fatalities, but together, some experts say, they were reason enough for regulators to suspend or even revoke the company's license. That never happened. Chonghaejin was even allowed to expand by adding the Sewol to its fleet last year.

Chonghaejin's punishment for those five failures: two one-month suspensions for sailors, three verbal warnings to captains, one verbal warning to the company and a fine of 7.5 million won ($7,400). The biggest fine that can be issued in ferry-safety cases is just 30 million won ($29,400).

The Korean Maritime Safety Tribunal, an arm of the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries that serves as a maritime court, recommended safety changes to the company as well, but they were nonbinding.

After the 2003 oil-tanker crash, the tribunal asked that Chonghaejin stop using the Maenggol Channel. Maenggol—the name means "fierce bones"—consists of narrow passages between small islands and is known for having fast, strong currents.

But the shortcut saved the company money on fuel. The Sewol sank in the same channel, about 16 kilometers (10 miles) from the 2003 crash.

Chung Yeong-seok, a professor of maritime law at Korea Maritime and Ocean University, said South Korea could have and should have gone further than it did.

"Even though the current law is not strict, the maritime ministry, with its administrative power, could (cancel a ferry license) based on the tribunal's findings. But it didn't do it," Chung said.

Prosecutors blame the CEO and four company employees for causing the April 16 Sewol sinking by overloading the ship with poorly stowed cargo after a risky redesign, and by neglecting safety in other ways. They also accuse 15 crew members of negligence and of failing to perform their duty to rescue passengers. All but one of the crew have pleaded not guilty, and lawyers for the other defendants have said the cause of the sinking remains unclear.

Chonghaejin's license has been revoked, and authorities continue to search for the patriarch of the family that owns the company, 73-year-old billionaire Yoo Byung-eun.

The government has blamed its failure to prevent the disaster on the cozy ties between the industry and regulators. President Park Geun-hye has vowed to get rid of what she and South Korean media have called a "government mafia" consisting of retired public servants who work at private companies.

South Korea had reason not to revoke or suspend Chonghaejin's license before the Sewol sank. The company had a monopoly on South Korea's longest domestic sea route, the one between Incheon and Jeju that the Sewol was plying went it went down. A license suspension or revocation would have affected travel plans for thousands of people and transport for thousands of tons of cargo.

Monopolies, or near-monopolies, are the rule among South Korea's roughly 100 coastal ferry routes. All but four of them are operated by either one or two ferry operators, according to Kwon Jun-young, a director at the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries.

Officials said they did not know how many ferry licenses South Korea has revoked in recent years, but they added that it was a rare move.

"Canceling a license causes huge difficulties for island residents, so instead we impose fines and urge companies to take cautions," Kwon said.

Ministry officials said the loss of Chonghaejin's Incheon-Jeju ferries has been tough on residents and shipping companies, and that they are trying to find another company to take over the route.

Instead of taking disruptive measures against Chonghaejin, South Korean regulators chose gentler methods that had little apparent effect on safety.

The tribunal found Chonghaejin to be 80 percent at fault for the 2003 ferry-oil tanker crash, and asked the company's sailors not to sail in the area again. The investigative report said the captain used the route to cut the length of the ship's journey by 7 miles, and faulted the crew for not being careful as they attempted to move ahead of the tanker.

In 2006 and 2007, the Ohamana, a Chonghaejin car ferry that plied the same route as Sewol, was primarily responsible for three crashes, according to the tribunal. In two of the accidents, the tribunal gave the ship's captain a verbal warning for setting sail despite strong wind or heavy fog. The tribunal said the third accident occurred while just one sailor was on the bridge of the ferry; it suspended the license of the first mate and asked the company to make improvements.

An official at Incheon Regional Maritime Affairs and Port Administration, the government agency that imposes fines and issues and revokes licenses to sailors and shipping companies, said he recalled Chonghaejin was penalized with 7.5 million won ($7,400) in fines after the last of those three accidents. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, citing department rules, said that was the only record of a fine on Chonghaejin that the office has. The Incheon office is part of the maritime ministry, but the ministry said it has no records regarding fines.

A 2008 report by a tribunal investigator following the 12-month run of accidents noted that Chonghaejin repeatedly failed to come up with reform measures and recommended that the company improve how it manages safety.

But problems continued. From 2009 to 2013, Chonghaejin was responsible for nearly 10 percent of maritime accidents among domestic South Korean ferries, even though its five ferries make up less than 3 percent of the overall fleet, according to the office of opposition lawmaker Kim Choon-jin, which analyzed ministry data. The six Chonghaejin accidents included one crash, one less serious incident of contact and four engine failures.

The crash, in 2011, involved the Chonghaejin ferry Democracy No. 5 and a fishing boat. The tribunal said the company was 60 percent responsible. The investigative body said the ferry maintained a speed of 22 knots (41 kph, 25 mph) even as it entered heavy fog.

Yet another accident involving a Chonghaejin ferry occurred just two weeks before the Sewol disaster. It remains under investigation.

The tribunal also blamed another company connected to Yoo's family, Onbada Co., for two ferry accidents in 2001. Onbada was at the time owned by a son of Yoo's and a woman local media identified as Yoo's close aide, but its assets were sold to Chonghaejin in 2006.

Both accidents involved fires, one of which destroyed the ship involved, but no one was hurt. The tribunal said the ferry operator was negligent in managing the crew in both cases.

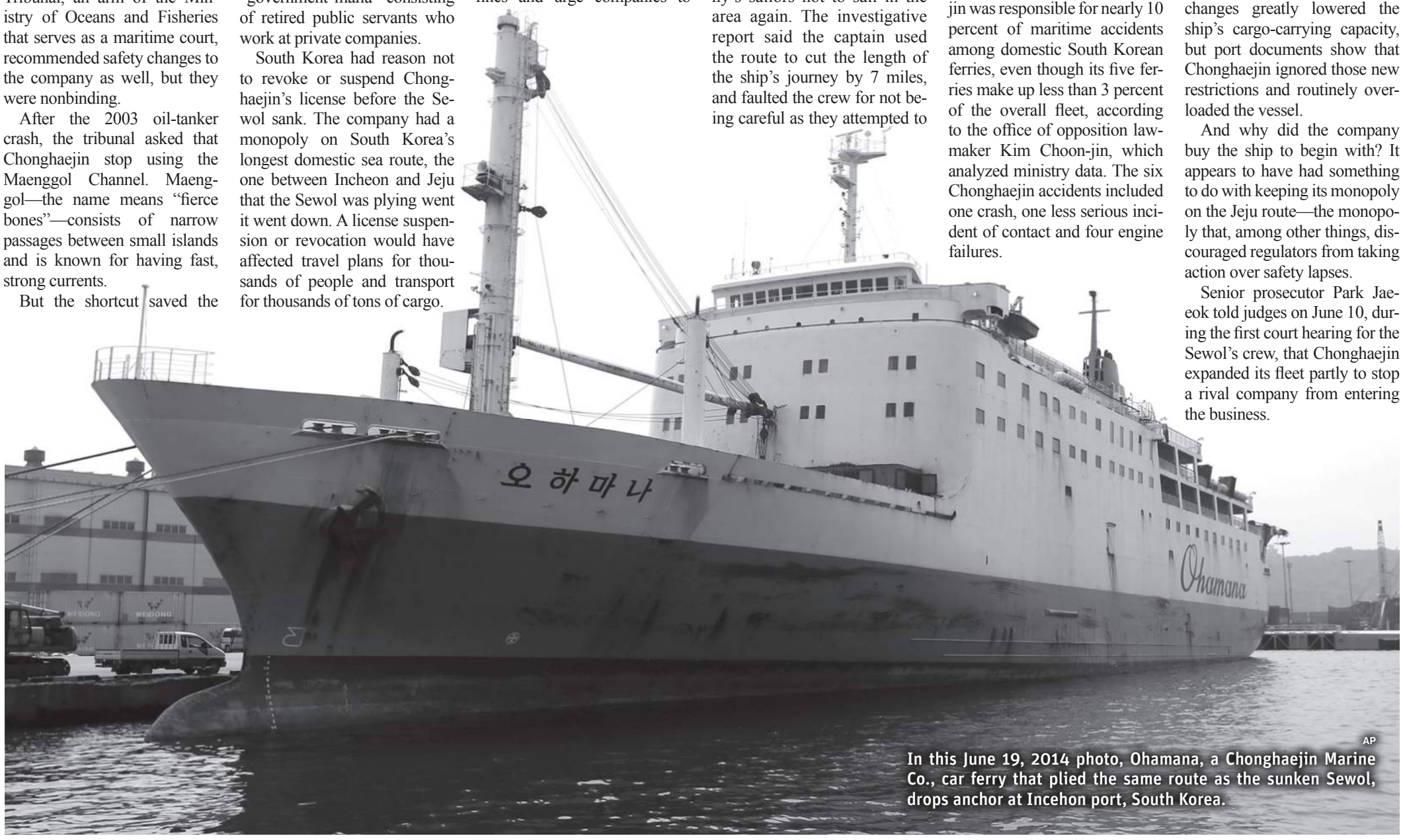
None of the findings against Chonghaejin and Onbada had any effect on Chonghaejin's addition of the Sewol to its fleet last year.

The Incheon regional official said maritime accidents are not considered when the agency is asked to approve another ship on a company's existing route.

The Sewol was a Japanese ferry that Chonghaejin bought and redesigned to accommodate more passengers. A Korean Register of Shipping inspector determined that the changes greatly lowered the ship's cargo-carrying capacity, but port documents show that Chonghaejin ignored those new restrictions and routinely overloaded the vessel.

And why did the company buy the ship to begin with? It appears to have had something to do with keeping its monopoly on the Jeju route—the monopoly that, among other things, discouraged regulators from taking action over safety lapses.

Senior prosecutor Park Jae-eok told judges on June 10, during the first court hearing for the Sewol's crew, that Chonghaejin expanded its fleet partly to stop a rival company from entering the business.



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In this June 19, 2014 photo, Ohamana, a Chonghaejin Marine Co., car ferry that plied the same route as the sunken Sewol, drops anchor at Incehon port, South Korea.

Campus Life

US states laud bilingualism with diploma seals

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP)—When Rachel Martinez-Regan graduated from her high school in western Oregon state this month, her diploma had a little something extra—an embossed seal certifying that she is bilingual.

She is one of more than a dozen students at Corvallis High School who earned the distinction based on their proficiency in English and Spanish. The honor is part of a pilot project led by several school districts in the state with dual-language programs, and the Oregon Department of Education plans to make the bilingual seals available statewide next year.

California, New Mexico, Washington, Illinois and Louisiana are among the other states that are recognizing and rewarding bilingual education.

Martinez-Regan said the bilingual program was academically challenging but she's certain it will give her career plans a boost.

"I'm thinking of becoming a lawyer, to give the Spanish-speaking community a voice," said Martinez-Regan, who is half Latina but did not speak Spanish before enrolling in the program. She will attend Yale University this fall.

Dual-language programs have gained in popularity across the U.S. as employers seek bilingual, bicultural workers, and more parents view bilingualism as necessary for their children's success in a globalized world.

Such programs are offered in Spanish, Mandarin, Vietnamese and Russian, among other languages, and many have waiting lists. Enrolled students take literacy and academic subjects in a foreign language for at least part of the school day.

Experts say dual programs and the languages they teach also reflect the nation's growing diversity and the fact that students who speak a language other than English at home are among America's fastest-growing populations.

Congress first mandated bilingual education in 1968 to keep non-English-speaking students from falling behind their peers, by teaching them academic subjects in their native language while they also learned English. Bilingual programs were put in place throughout the United States and flourished for several decades.

But as the number of immigrants, especially Asians and Latinos, exploded in the 1980s and 1990s and continued to grow, there was a backlash to ensure English did not lose its primacy. More than 20 states made English their official language.

Critics, including some immigrant parents, said bilingual education was costly and ineffective for English-language learners. Several states, including California and Arizona, banned bilingual education outright.

In recent years, though, bilingual education has regained its popularity and is increasingly attracting native English speakers. The number of dual-language programs, which bring together native English students and English learners in one classroom, ballooned from about 260 nationwide in 2000 to about 3,000 today, according to the Maryland-based National Association for Bilingual Education.

"American parents are coming to the conclusion that the lives and the economic opportunities of their children are tied to being bilingual," said the group's executive director, Santiago Wood.

At Corvallis High School, bilingual seals were awarded on the basis of coursework, bicultural knowledge, and a bilingual exit interview and assessment, said Amanda Filloy Sharp, who teaches Spanish-language courses in literature, history and geography at the school.

"These students are not just able to speak academically in both Spanish and English, they also have a deeper understanding of and connection to the local Spanish-speaking community," Filloy Sharp said.

California, the first state to adopt a biliteracy seal two years ago, has granted more than 30,000 diplomas with seals to students. State records show the seals recognize more than 40 different languages. The California Legislature, meanwhile, is considering a bill that would overturn the bilingual education ban.

Critics such as Silicon Valley entrepreneur Ron Unz, whose organization English for the Children helped dismantle bilingual education in California and elsewhere, say the push for bilingual classrooms remains misguided.

In dual-language programs, Unz said, immigrant children may be "used as unpaid tutors" and "English-speaking children who come from affluent families will benefit much more than English learners."

Gates: Fixing education toughest

By JERI CLAUSING
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico (AP)—Microsoft co-founder and philanthropist Bill Gates says eradicating malaria, tuberculosis and polio is easier than fixing the United States' education system. But what he says he really wishes he could do is write a check to eliminate biological, chemical and nuclear weapons.

Gates

Gates made the comments in a 45-minute talk Monday to a packed auditorium of employees at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Gates, his son Rory and a friend were in northern New Mexico for a private tour of the nation's premier nuclear weapons facility, which also does a wide-range of cutting-edge research across all fields, including an HIV vaccine, which the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation helps fund.

Gates, who had to fly in to Santa Fe because his personal plane was too big to land at Los Alamos, said he enjoyed the "great science, amazing history."

Obviously, he said, he loves science.

"It's the thing that makes the world interesting. ... It gives us a chance to save the world," he said.

Indeed, Gates and his wife are doing the best to use some of the multi-billion fortune to try to do just that, having established what is one of the world's largest foundations that has given away more than $30 billion.

In a nod to Microsoft's New Mexico roots, the invitation handed out to employees had a copy of Gates's business card naming him as president with an Albuquerque address. Gates and Paul Allen formed the company in the state's largest city in the mid-1970s but moved to Seattle area a few years later because it was too hard to recruit top programmers to Albuquerque.

Gates is still a technical adviser to Microsoft, but has turned his attention to the foundation. It's key areas of focus include lobal health and education.

Gates talked about his foundation's work improving and distributing vaccines across the world. But he says making advances in education is the foundation's hardest challenge.

"You name it, we have been passed by," Gates said of the country's math and science programs.

New technology to engage students holds some promise, but Gates says it tends to only benefit those who are motivated.

"And the one thing we have a lot of in the United States is unmotivated students," Gates said.

Asked if he saw more areas for collaboration at Los Alamos, Gates drew laughter when he responded that his foundation doesn't fund weapons. But he said non-proliferation is "super important," and that if he thought it would work, he would write a check to eliminate weapons of mass destruction.

That, he said, would be his "one wish of managing science."

First Year Death Anniversary

Modesta C. Pangelinan

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Pedro L. Pangelinan
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Juan I. Pangelinan — *39th Year Death Anniversary*
Maria L. Pangelinan — *47th Year Death Anniversary*

Children:
Juan C. Pangelinan — *26th Year Death Anniversary*
Evelyn C. Pangelinan — *39th Year Death Anniversary*
Bobbie C. Pangelinan — *33rd Year Death Anniversary*

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2 Angels of God

Mass of intentions will be at San Vicente Church at 6pm beginning July 3, 2014 to July 11, 2014.
On July 11, 2014, Rosary will be prayed at San Vicente Church at 5:15pm followed by the Mass of Intention.
Immediately after the mass of intention, dinner will be served at Mr. & Mrs. Agustin Pangelinan at San Vicente behind Asin's Fish Mart.

Thank You

The Family

Coast to coast, STEM jobs take longest to fill

By PAUL DAVIDSON
USA TODAY

Science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) jobs take more than twice as long to fill as other openings, according to a new Brookings Institution study that provides the most detailed evidence yet of a skills gap that's slowing payroll growth.

Even more surprising, a high school graduate with a STEM background is in higher demand than a college grad without such skills, the report says. STEM jobs that require only a high school or associate's degree are advertised for 40 days on average vs. 37 days for jobs demanding a bachelor's degree only.

The study tallied every job opening advertised by companies on their websites—a total 52,000 companies—in the first quarter of 2013.

Some economists have questioned the popular belief that a shortage of job candidates with science and math skills is keeping the 6.3% unemployment rate from falling more rapidly, citing weak wage growth for computer- and engineering positions. But Jonathan Rothwell, author of the Brookings study, says it can take several years for wages to adjust to market conditions.

According to his study, health care practitioners and technical occupations—a category that includes doctors, nurses and radiologists—were the toughest to fill, with ads advertised an average 47 days. Architectural and engineering positions followed, at 41 days, and computer and math jobs, 39 days.

Even installation, maintenance and repair jobs—including auto mechanics and air-conditioning technicians, which require some training but not higher education—were advertised an average 33 days, the same as legal occupations.

At the other end of the spectrum, office and administrative support, manufacturing and buildings and grounds openings took the least amount of time to fill—24 to 28 days.

Life & Style

'Glee'-type music contest crowns winners in NYC

By MARK KENNEDY
AP DRAMA WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—A teenager from suburban Chicago who sang an aching Jason Robert Brown song and another from Georgia who chose to sing "Raise the Roof"—and almost did so—have won top honors at the National High School Musical Theater Awards.

Atlanta resident Jai'Len Josey was named best actress and Jonah Rawitz, from the Chicago suburb of Buffalo Grove, got the best-actor crown Monday night at the sixth annual "Glee"-like competition, nicknamed the Jimmy Awards after theater owner James Nederlander.

"I can't emphasize enough how humbled I am to be within this crowd of such amazing actors and individuals. I've made so many amazing friends. I feel like I'm part of a family," said Rawitz. He also thanked his family, especially his mother, who he said taught him to be honest and "how to believe every word that I'm saying." Josey, who is going into her junior year at Tri-Cities High School, said it was "a dream come true."

Each will receive a $10,000 scholarship award, capping a months-long winnowing process that began with 60,000 students from 1,500 schools and ended at the Minskoff Theatre, the long-term home of "The Lion King," which doesn't perform on Mondays.

The 56 teens who made it to New York this year—28 girls and 28 boys—got a five-day theatrical boot camp at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, complete with scrambling to learn an opening and closing group number, performing their medley numbers, advice on their solo songs, plus a field trip to watch "Kinky Boots."

Judges were Tony-nominated director Scott Ellis, Rachel Hoffman from casting company Telsey + Company, Tony-nominated producer Arielle Tepper Madover, casting specialist Tara Rubin, Nick Scandalios from the Nederlander Organization, choreographer Sergio Trujillo and NYU's Kent Gash. Composer Stephen Schwartz offered pointers to the teens on Friday.

Rawitz sang from "In the Heights" as Usnavi in the ensemble number and then "If I Didn't Believe in You" from Brown's "The Last Five Years" as a solo. Josey sang Effie Melody White's "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going" from "Dreamgirls" and then belted out a "Raise the Roof" from Andrew Lippa's "The Wild Party."

The host was Ryan McCartan, who co-stars in "Liv & Maddie" on the Disney Channel and "Royal Pains" on USA. He was proof of how far a Jimmy can go: McCartan in 2011 he won the competition. Others who have found fame include Eva Noblezada, who was a runner-up in 2013 and now plays the lead role of Kim in the London revival of "Miss Saigon."

The shows represented on Monday ranged from "Annie Get Your Gun" and "The Drowsy Chaperone" to "Singin' in the Rain" and "Into the Woods." There was a fair amount of overlapping of roles, with two Jean Valjeans from "Les Miserables," two Drowsy Chaperones and two Aldolphos from "The Drowsy Chaperone," two Usnavis from "In the Heights" and three Shreks from "Shrek," all thrown on stage to duke it out together. A young lady playing Annie Oakley from "Annie Get Your Gun" cradles a rifle and another playing the Tin Man held an axe.

The four runners-up, who each receive $2,500, were: Mekahi Lee from Charlotte, North Carolina; Matthew Richards from Logan, Utah; Brooke Solan from Las Vegas; and Sophia Tzougros from Madison, Wisconsin. Andy Karl, from the Broadway musical "Rocky," stopped by and the whole cast helped him sing "Keep on Standing."

Amanda Bynes' New York bong-tossing case dismissed

NEW YORK (AP)—The bong-tossing case against Amanda Bynes was dismissed Monday after the actress complied with the judge's orders to stay out of trouble and go to counseling.

Bynes, 28, was charged last year with reckless endangerment and marijuana possession. Building managers called police because they said she was smoking pot in the lobby of her Manhattan residence. When officers entered her 36th-floor apartment, they said they saw her heave a bong out the window.

Manhattan Criminal Court Judge Lori Petersen sealed the case after the dismissal. Bynes' lawyer appeared in court; she was not present.

The court previously had said the charges would be dismissed if Bynes stayed out of trouble and went to counseling twice a week. Attorney Gerald Shargel submitted an affidavit saying Bynes had complied with the court's requirements.

"She did her counseling and it's now all behind her," Shargel said outside court.

In February, Bynes pleaded no contest to alcohol-related reckless driving for clipping a Los Angeles County sheriff's patrol car in April 2012. She was sentenced to three years of probation and three months of attending alcohol education classes.

She received psychiatric treatment last year after authorities said she set a small fire in the driveway of a home in Thousand Oaks, California.

Bynes was 13 when she landed her own hit variety program, "The Amanda Show" on Nickelodeon. She went on to star in the TV series "What I Like About You" and several movies, including "What a Girl Wants," "Hairspray" and "She's the Man."

She has publicly stated that she has retired from acting. Her last film credit was 2010's "Easy A," which starred Emma Stone.

In Celebration Of His New Life
†Jack Tenorio Sablan
Born to life on July 8th, 1978 and was called to his eternal rest on June 25th, 2014
In his eternal life he now joins:
Mother : †Herminia Tenorio Sablan
Grandparents : †Joaquin & †Antonia Tenorio
†Anselmo & †Manuela Sablan
Survived by his:
Wife: Carla Aguon Sablan
Children: Frantia Celyn, Camia Janae & Camayah Jade
Father: Francisco Pangelinan Sablan
Step Mother: Claudia Macaranas Sablan
Sisters: Vivian T. Sablan/†Jesus Wabol (Jessmin & Tini), Melanie T. Sablan (Herminia & Auriahny) and Ramona S./Jack Camacho (Elowena & Bryce)
Reared Sisters: Antonette Kumaichi and Lorna Tenorio/Frank Robert
Parents In-Law: Francisco Concepcion & Tina Muna Aguon
Brothers & Sisters In-Law: Santiago Borja & Tania Aguon (Shyanne, Serenity & Sandie), Frankie & Rachel Aguon (William, Deion, Danika, Damalyn, Damien, Frankie & Devin)
Maternal Uncles & Aunts: †Jesus V. Tenorio/Irene, †Herman S. Dela Cruz/Eleanor, Juan S. Dela Cruz/Juanita, Jose S. Dela Cruz/Divine, †Ramon S. Tenorio, Edward S. Tenorio/Lillian, Francisco S. Tenorio/Yvonne, †Linda T. Kumaichi/Robert, and Lillian S. Tenorio/Frank
Paternal Uncles & Aunts: Basilio P. Sablan, Juan P. Sablan/Maria, †Enrique P. Sablan, Henry P. Sablan/Evelyn, †Abelina S. Taitano, Antonia S. Collier/Kenneth, Herman P. Sablan/Lani, Jesusa P. Sablan, Elizabeth S. Sison/Oscar, Dorothy P. Sablan and Anselmo Jr. P. Sablan/Janice
He will greatly be missed by numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and godchildren.
Daily Mass is being offered at San Antonio Church at 6:00pm, followed by his Holy Rosary. On Sunday, June 29th, 2014, Mass will be offered at 9am followed by the Holy Rosary.
On Thursday, July 3rd, 2014, the remains of our beloved †Jack will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 7:30am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am immediately followed by Interment Service at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.
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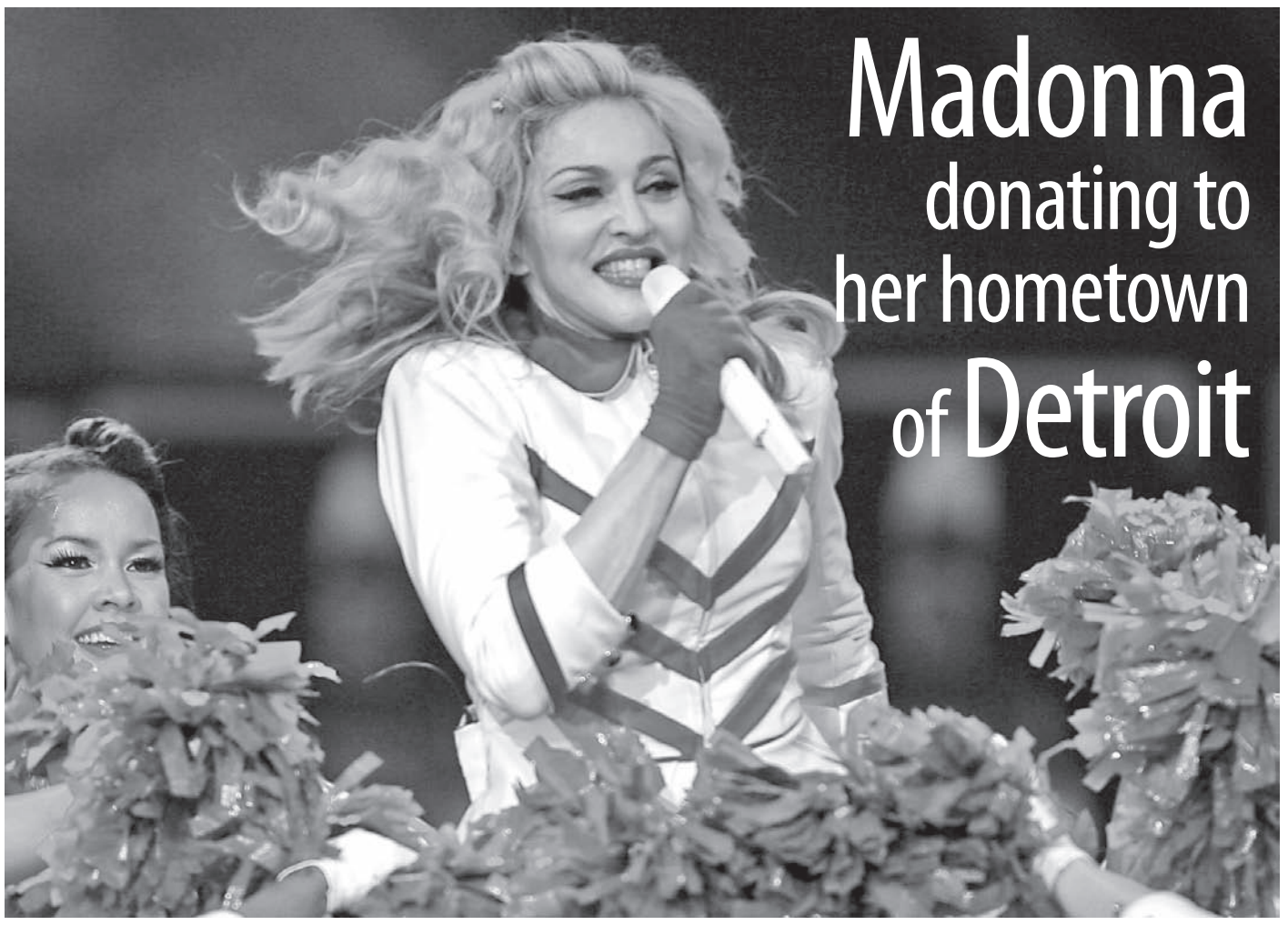
Carla Sablan & Children



Madonna donating to her hometown of Detroit

In this Nov. 8, 2012, file photo, Madonna performs at the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. AP

DETROIT (AP)—Madonna, who was "inspired" during a recent visit to Detroit, is donating money toward the construction of a new youth boxing gym and buying iPods, iPads and other supplies for students at a charter school in her hometown, according to a news release issued by the music icon's publicist Monday.

The statement said Madonna's donations to three Detroit organizations represent "the first phase of a long-term commitment to" the city.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Famer will provide funding for a new facility for the Downtown Youth Boxing Gym, which provides free after-school boxing and educational mentoring to dozens of children; buy new equipment, art and music supplies for the Detroit Achievement Academy; and help out The Empowerment Plan, a nonprofit that employs homeless women who sew garments that are distributed to the homeless.

"I was deeply inspired by the efforts of so many people who I met who have dedicated themselves to helping the kids and adults in Detroit elevate themselves from the cycle of poverty. ... It was obvious to me that I had to get involved and be part of the solution to help Detroit recover," Madonna said in the written statement, referencing the city's efforts to emerge from the largest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history.

"A piece of my heart will always be in Detroit, and I'm humbled to be able to give back to my community," she said.

The statement does not say how much Madonna is contributing. A message seeking comment was left Monday with the singer's publicist, Liz Rosenberg.

In early June, Madonna posted photos of her visit to Detroit on Instagram. One of them shows her posing with some of the women who work at The Empowerment Plan.

Madonna, 55, is known for such hits as "Material Girl," "Like a Virgin," "Papa Don't Preach" and "Vogue." She grew up in Bay City, Michigan, and the Detroit suburb of Rochester Hills and entered the Rock Hall in 2008.

Actress Jenny Mollen puts it out there in new book

By ALICIA RANCILIO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP)—Jenny Mollen has no filter. And she's fine with that.

The actress often tweets raunchy commentary about ABC's "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette" with her husband, Jason Biggs. Howard Stern was so impressed he asked them to tweet live when "America's Got Talent" is on.

She wrote about hiring a prostitute for her husband's birthday on the Playboy website TheSmokingJacket.

Now, she's compiled some of her outrageous life into a book, "I Like You Just the Way I Am: Stories About Me and Some Other People."

Mollen, 35, talks about the book, motherhood and Twitter.

AP: You don't seem to hold back when you're writing.

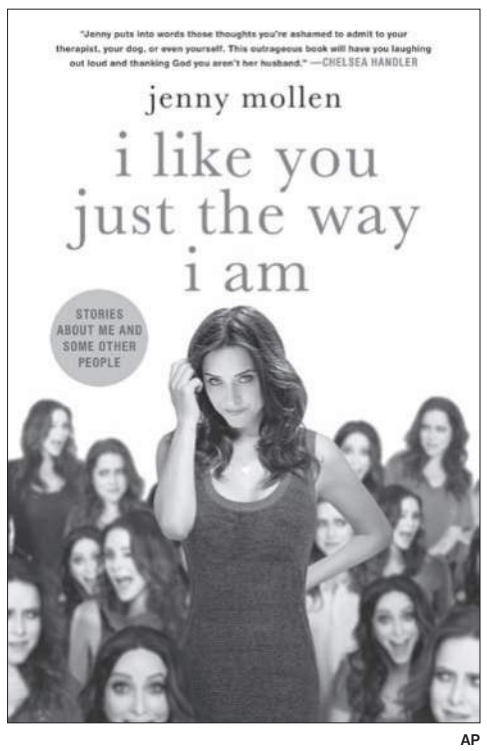
Mollen: I don't really feel like anybody's listening (laughs). I feel like I can just kind of get away with it.

AP: Some of the stories in the book are pretty out there. Are they embellished?

Mollen: Some are embellished but it's in parts you probably wouldn't expect. The most outrageous things are the true things and the things I've had to tweak are to either protect people's identities or to kind of condense timelines. I get myself into the worst situations.

AP: You and your husband often tweet about "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette." Are you fans of the show or do you just enjoy making fun of it?

Mollen: We love `The Bachelor.' I love watching people get broken up with. ... I love the idea that they actually fall in love and I love watching them get their hearts crushed into a million pieces. There's just some weird sadistic pleasure I get from that.


"Jenny puts into words those thoughts you're ashamed to admit to your therapist, your dog, or even yourself. This outrageous book will have you laughing out loud and thanking God you aren't her husband." —CHELSEA HANDLER
jenny mollen
i like you just the way i am
STORIES ABOUT ME AND SOME OTHER PEOPLE

AP
This photo provided by St. Martin's Press shows the cover of author, Jenny Mollen's book, "I Like You Just The Way I Am: Stories About Me and Some Other People."

AP: You're a new mom (son Sid was born in February). Is motherhood what you thought it would be?

Mollen: It's harder in a different way. I pictured myself, you know, having spit up all over me and spaghetti in my hair and something on fire in the kitchen. It's not that so much. It's this mounting anxiety that you're not doing enough as a parent. ... It's hard to keep up with your expectations of yourself as a parent. To live up to those.

AP: Have you watched season two of "Orange is the New Black" yet? (Biggs is a cast member.)

Mollen: I haven't. Usually I take forever to watch anything of Jason's because I'm a bad wife. With `Orange' (season one) I was addicted and I binged on it. This time with the baby I have not had time. I'm even behind on `Game of Thrones.'

AP: Do you want to write another book?

Mollen: I'd love to. Especially now that I have a baby, I have a sidekick. I have, like, a season two new love interest. My son.

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Starbucks chair co-writing book on military vets

NEW YORK (AP)—Starbucks chairman Howard Schultz is collaborating on a book about veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"For Love of Country: What Our Veterans Can Teach Us About Citizenship, Heroism, and Sacrifice" will be released by Alfred A. Knopf on Nov. 4. The book will be co-written by Washington Post correspondent and editor Rajiv Chandrasekaran.

"Given that less than 1 percent of our country has served in the military conflicts of the last decade, this is a time in America when it's crucial to bridge the divide in our society between our civilian and military populations," Schultz said in a statement issued Monday by the publisher.

The book will tell of deeds both on the battlefield and back home, whether an orthopedic surgeon who enlisted at age 60 and saved numerous lives or a military spouse helping wives of severely wounded soldiers.

Schultz has been a prominent advocate for veterans, saying that too little has been done for them once their service was completed. He has pledged to hire 10,000 veterans and military spouses, and earlier this year donated $30 million for research into post-traumatic stress syndrome and brain trauma.

According to Knopf, Schultz is giving all author proceeds to charity.

The Who band planning 50th anniversary tour, new music

AP
In this Feb. 7, 2010 file photo,Roger Daltrey, left, and Pete Townshend acknowledge the crowd after performing during the second half of the NFL Super Bowl XLIV football game in Miami.

Pete Townshend and Roger Daltrey are taking The Who on the road for a series of shows in the U.K. celebrating the band's 50th anniversary.

Daltrey referred to the tour as the start of the Who's "long goodbye" during a news conference Monday at Ronnie Scott's jazz bar in London.

"Well, it just has to be really," the 70-year-old Daltrey said. "We can't go on touring forever, but we don't know how long we will go on touring. It's an open-ended kind of thing. But it will have a finality to it. We'll stop touring, I'm sure, before we stop playing as a band. It's just like Eric Clapton's just said: It's the grind of the road, it's incredibly tough on the body this age. The singing is free; you pay us for the bloody traveling. "

The Who Hits 50 tour will be a retrospective of the band's career, including best-known hits such as "Who Are You," ''Pinball Wizard," and "Baba O'Riley." It is set to begin Nov. 30 in Glasgow, Scotland, and wind up in London on Dec. 17. Tickets go on sale Friday in the U.K.

Monday's news doesn't necessarily mean Townshend and Daltrey are backing away from the band. Townshend said he's written three new songs and hopes to record them with Daltrey.

"I thought I must send them to Rog. ... Happily he likes them," the 69-year-old Townshend said.

The Who hasn't issued new music since 2006's "Endless Wire," its first release in 24 years. ***(AP)***

Grand Central entrance named after ex-first lady

NEW YORK (AP)—A newly renovated entrance to Grand Central Terminal has been dedicated to Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, who led the historic fight to save the terminal.

The entrance at Park Avenue and East 42nd Street was dedicated to the former first lady on Monday.

It's now called the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Foyer. A large plaque features a bronze relief of Onassis and describes her role in saving the terminal.

Her efforts led to the U.S. Supreme Court upholding the city's Landmark Law in 1978 and saving Grand Central from having a 53-story tower built atop it.

The Beaux-Arts train terminal opened in 1913.

AP

This handout photo provided by the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, taken March 17, 1962, shows first lady Jacqueline Kennedy, center, touring the Palace of the Maharajah in Udaipur, India.

Robert Downey Jr.'s son arrested in drug case

In this March 1, 2007 file photo, Robert Downey Jr. and his son Indio arrive at a premiere in Los Angeles.

AP

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP)—Actor Robert Downey Jr. thanked authorities Monday for arresting his 20-year-old son on suspicion of cocaine possession and said the family was determined to get him the help he needs.

Indio Falconer Downey was taken into custody on Sunday afternoon after a car he was riding in was pulled over in West Hollywood, authorities said.

"Unfortunately, there's a genetic component to addiction and Indio has likely inherited it," Robert Downey, Jr., who had a series of high-profile drug-related arrests in the late 1990s, said in a statement. "We're grateful to the Sheriff's Department for their intervention, and believe Indio can be another recovery success story instead of a cautionary tale."

Robert Downey's drug use sent him to prison and rehab and cost him acting roles. He is now one of the industry's most bankable stars after appearing in Marvel's "Iron Man" trilogy and "The Avengers."

Indio Downey was booked on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance, believed to be cocaine, and possession of drug paraphernalia, sheriff's Sgt. Dave Valentine said.

He was later released after posting $10,250 bail. A court date was set for Aug. 29.

Two other people were in the car, but only Downey was arrested.

He appeared in the 2005 movie "Kiss Kiss Bang Bang," which starred his father.

'Community' rebounds with new episodes on Yahoo

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Yahoo says it's giving the sitcom "Community" a sixth season online.

Yahoo and Sony Pictures Television announced Monday that the show's creator, Dan Harmon, will serve as an executive producer for 13 new episodes.

The companies say cast members including Joel McHale, Gillian Jacobs and Yvette Nicole Brown will come along as the axed NBC show moves online to Yahoo Screen this fall.

In a statement paraphrasing Mark Twain, McHale says reports of the show's cancellation were "greatly exaggerated."

"Community" is about a group of friends who come together at a community college with an iffy pedigree. The comedy has loyal followers but too few for NBC, which dropped it from next season's schedule.

Yahoo credits passionate "Community" fans with keeping the show alive.

A&E filming new reality show on Connecticut island

BRANFORD, Conn. (AP)—A new reality show is being filmed on one of Connecticut's tiny Thimble Islands.

WNPR radio reports that A&E is filming a show called "Love Prison" on Beldon Island, one of 300 small islands off the coast of Branford. Beldon Island has just one house on just over an acre of land in Long Island Sound.

Producers of the show say that house will be home to a social experiment involving couples who have an online relationship, but have never before met in person. They will spend a week together on the island.

The network says 10 episodes of the show are set to air beginning in August.

The island is listed for sale, with an asking price of just under $4 million.

Springsteen to debut short film on website July 9

NEW YORK (AP)—Bruce Springsteen will debut a short film on his website July 9.

A poster of the film "Hunter of Invisible Game" appeared on the singer's website Monday. The film is a collaboration with Thom Zimny, who has worked with the Boss in the past.

No more details were provided. A representative for Springsteen didn't immediately respond to an email seeking more information.

Zimny has directed, produced and edited a number of live Springsteen concert videos.

In this Nov. 6, 2013 file photo, musician Bruce Springsteen performs at the Stand Up for Heroes event at Madison Square Garden, in New York.

AP

Husband's 'harmless escapade' has broken his wife's heart

DEAR ABBY: I just found out that my husband of 30 years is having an affair. When I confronted him, he said: "I have a girlfriend. I can't imagine the rest of my life without girlfriends, so get over it!" Then he told me he has never been faithful, but that he loves me and would be devastated if I left. He considers his fooling around to be "safe and harmless escapades."

Abby, my heart is broken. He has flaunted this woman in my face, and embarrassed and humiliated me in public. Now he's angry with me because I told her husband what is going on.

How do I find the strength and courage to leave? I have some health issues and haven't worked in years. What do I tell our kids? My world is crashing down around my ears.

HEARTBROKEN IN THE SOUTH

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: Your husband's "escapades" are neither safe nor harmless to YOU. His behavior is callous, hurtful and disrespectful.

It's very important that you remain calm and do nothing in haste. You will be better able to weigh your options if you talk to an attorney and find out what you're entitled to after having been married to this man for 30 years. And if you feel it would be helpful, find a licensed counselor to talk to.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a new husband, and things I thought I could tolerate before we were married are really bugging me now. I raised a daughter with another woman, and my current wife deleted every picture of her—from sonograms to her second birthday—and won't let me keep anything of hers.

I understand she wants our lives to be about us, but I try to keep it separate and the resentments are starting to fester. I'd confront her, but she's pregnant and has been extra emotional about me even leaving for work.

What do I do? Should I wait eight more months for the baby and then say something? I'm afraid I will snap before then.

NEW HUSBAND IN WYOMING

DEAR NEW HUSBAND: I'm no doctor, but you and your wife need to consult one. She appears to be suffering from severe emotional problems. Her internist and gynecologist should be told what's going on so she can start counseling and possibly medication to help her with her extreme insecurity. That she would have problems about you "even leaving for work" is not normal behavior, and you should waste no time in dealing with this.

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DEAR ABBY: My sister "Beth" has a boyfriend, "Danny." They have a 6-month-old baby girl. Neither one has a driver's license, and they both have low-paying part-time jobs.

Beth expects us to baby-sit, take her to the doctor, etc. Mom is now starting to refuse to do more than baby-sit on Sunday, because she says Beth needs to get her license and look for a better job, and it won't happen until she's "pushed to the wall." Only then will she realize she has to.

I agree, but I feel Beth and Danny should pursue their dreams. It takes money to get a license, and where we live there is no public transportation. What's your take on this tug-of-war?

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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BIG BROTHER IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR BIG BROTHER: Listen to your mother. The chances of your sister and her boyfriend attaining their dreams while working at low-paying part-time jobs are not great. What they need now is help in gaining their independence. While your mother may have put it in harsh terms, she has the right idea.

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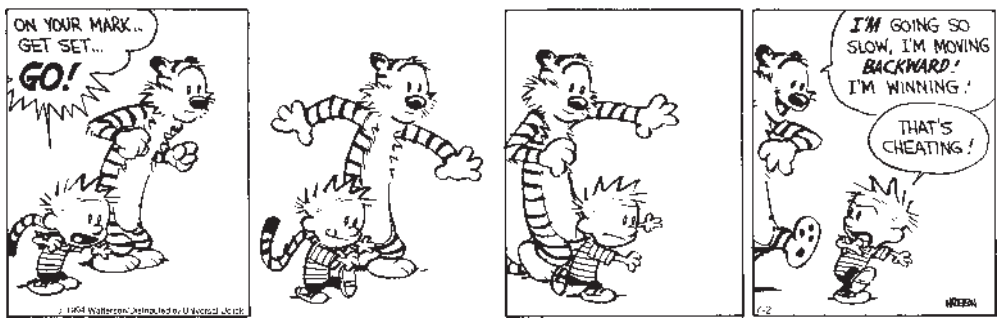
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



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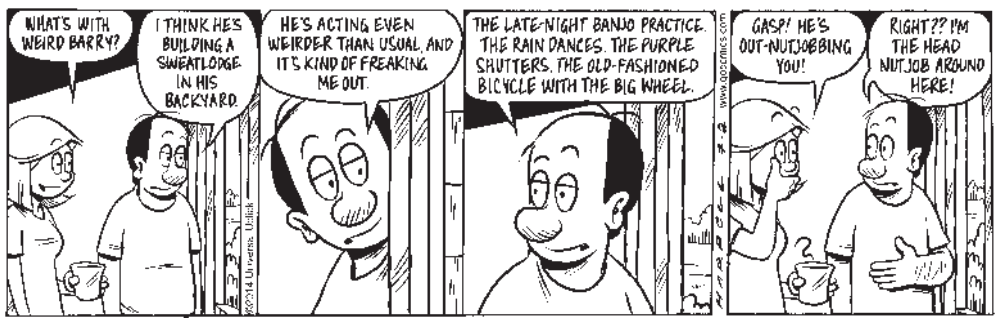
WHAT'S WITH WEIRD BARRY?
I THINK HE'S BUILDING A SWEATLODGE IN HIS BACKYARD.
HE'S ACTING EVEN WEIRDER THAN USUAL, AND IT'S KIND OF FREAKING ME OUT.
THE LATE-NIGHT BANJO PRACTICE. THE RAIN DANCES. THE PURPLE SHUTTERS. THE OLD-FASHIONED BICYCLE WITH THE BIG WHEEL.
GASP! HE'S OUT-NUTJOBBING YOU!
RIGHT?? I'M THE HEAD NUTJOB AROUND HERE!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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8 Prego rival
12 Big fuss
13 Options list
14 Car rental giant
15 Carnival city
16 "Tennessee Waltz" singer
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21 Bellow
24 Iron, e.g.
28 Summer squash variety
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34 Non-alcoholic six-pack
36 A billion years
37 Go first
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41 TV, radio et al.
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44 Recede
46 Otherwise
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55 Chopper
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26 Shakespeare's river
27 Photog's choice
28 Tropical tree
29 "Let Us Now Praise Famous Men" writer
30 Frog's cousin
31 Interior designer Berkus
35 Needing laundering
38 Good loser?
40 Sprite
42 Copper head?
45 Lingerie buys
47 Zilch, south of the border
48 The yoke's on them
49 See to
50 Spacecraft compartment
51 Gorilla
52 Dead heat
53 Try the tea
54 Rhyming tribute

Solution time: 23 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 7-2

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Happy Birthday: By accepting the inevitable, you will be able to move forward and stabilize your life. Look for the more obscure choices you are given and delve into any opportunity that offers you something unique or different. Don't follow what others do when you should be doing your own thing and leading the way. Participation is the name of the game this year. Your numbers are 7, 10, 24, 28, 30, 36, 43.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Toe the line and get things done. Pay close attention to detail and go above and beyond what's expected. Set an example and show professionalism in all that you do. Someone from your past will have an impact on you. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Interact with people who have something to offer. Listen carefully and ask questions if something isn't clear. Take care of your health and avoid letting past relationships stop you from moving forward. Someone with ulterior motives will disillusion you. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Problems will develop if you ignore the truth. Don't let an emotional situation lead to a stalemate. Keep busy and you will ease your stress. Change is required, but try to figure out the best strategy to move forward first. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Indulge in something you enjoy doing. Attend a conference or do a little research. A creative endeavor or social get-together will lead to new friendships. Your intuition will help you make a wise choice regarding a change that concerns you. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Something or someone from your past will bring an old idea back to life. Don't hesitate to follow through. Pull in the people you want to work with and you will be able to reach your goal faster and more efficiently. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Stay focused on what needs to be accomplished. Communicate precisely and put more detail into your work. Don't let anyone mislead you. Jealousy or a trust issue is apparent. Protect your money and possessions and don't offer to pay for others. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Take a break. Don't worry so much about what others do. Follow your heart. Do something that will make you feel good about the way you look. Learning a new skill will help you move on. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Stick close to home and make creative changes that will add to your convenience and comfort. Putting more detail and innovation into a job you are asked to do will capture someone's attention. Don't give anything away for nothing. Negotiate wisely. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You'll be in need of adventure, excitement and change. An emotional problem with a friend, relative or someone in your community is likely to push you to make a move. Size up your situation and move forward without hesitation. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Don't let an aggravating situation draw you into a debate. Conflict of any kind will make it difficult to get things done. Don't let a partnership hold you back. Strive for excellent performance and productivity. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): There are deals you should be considering. Greater cash flow could result from negotiating contracts and settlements. Networking will lead to interesting proposals. Make positive changes without delay. It's your ability to size up and move on that will lead to success. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Listen carefully and don't allow your heart to rule your head. Question what's being offered and refrain from letting your emotions take over. Put greater emphasis on creativity, networking and getting ahead financially. Consider everyone's motives, including your own. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are practical, detailed and determined. You are insightful and sensitive.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/02

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★ 7/1

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

REMEMBERING 'THE GOLDEN GIRLS' **Solution: 11 letters**

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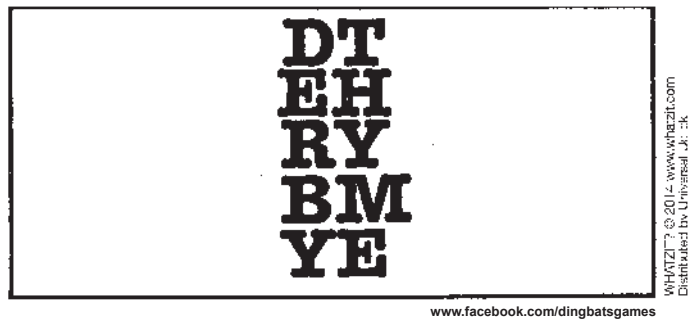

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Arrieta takes no-hit bid into 8th for Cubs

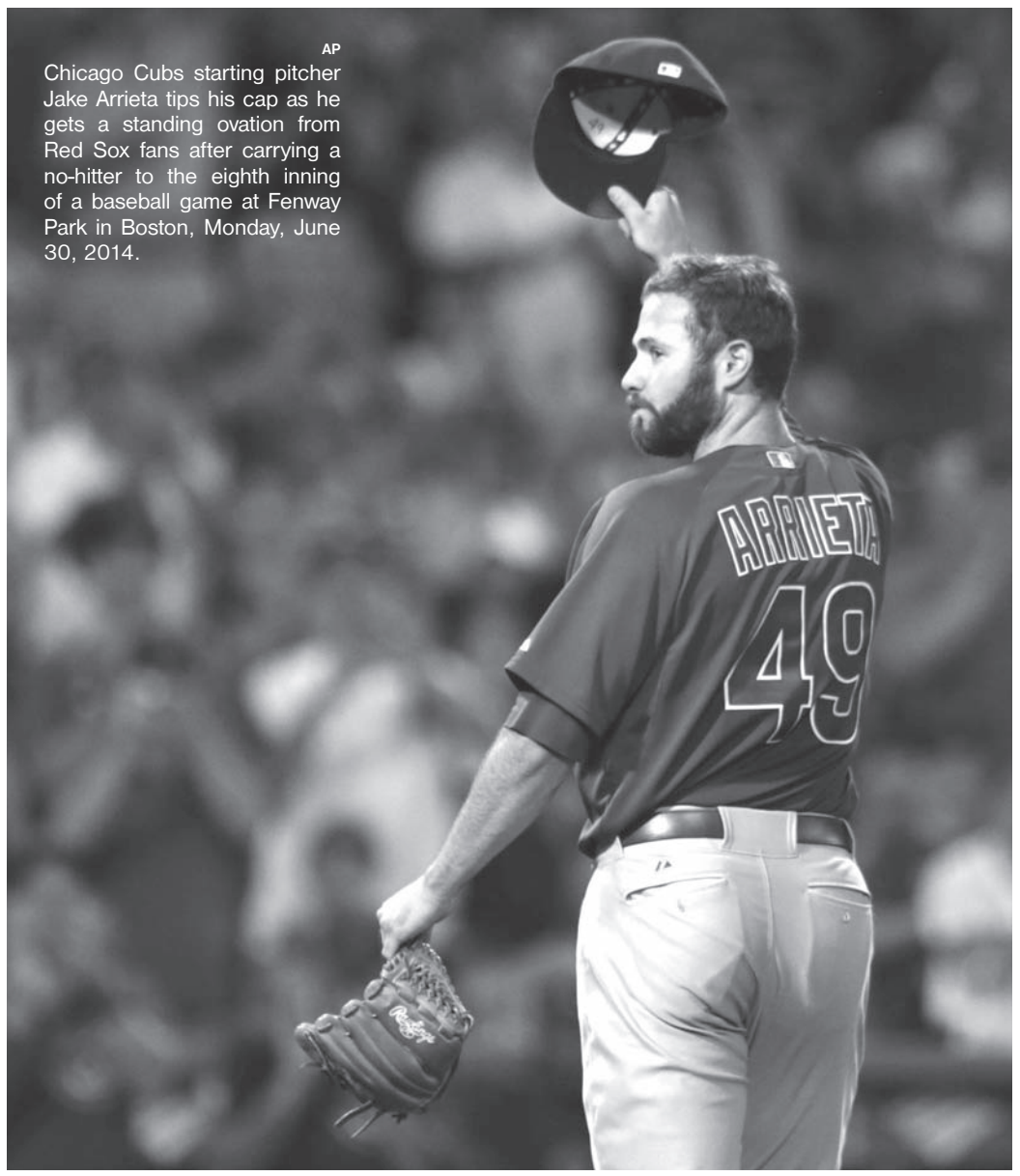
BOSTON (AP)—Jake Arrieta held the Red Sox hitless until Stephen Drew singled with two outs in the eighth inning, and the Chicago Cubs beat Boston 2-0 on Monday night in the opener of only the second series between the teams at Fenway Park since 1918.

Six days after losing a perfect game on a leadoff single in the seventh inning of his previous start at Wrigley Field against Cincinnati, Arrieta took his no-hit bid a little deeper. He allowed only Mike Napoli's fifth-inning walk before Drew lined a clean single to right.

Arrieta (5-1) was lifted by Cubs manager Rick Renteria immediately following the hit that came on the right-hander's career-high 120th pitch. He struck out 10.

Nate Schierholtz hit a two-run homer for Chicago.

Jake Peavy (1-7) is winless in his last 12 starts. He gave up two runs on five hits, walking two and striking out seven in six innings.



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Chicago Cubs starting pitcher Jake Arrieta tips his cap as he gets a standing ovation from Red Sox fans after carrying a no-hitter to the eighth inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Monday, June 30, 2014.

Tigers 5, Athletics 4

In Detroit, Rajai Davis hit his third career grand slam with one out in the ninth inning, giving the Tigers a victory over the Athletics.

Oakland closer Sean Doolittle (2-2) was given a three-run lead to work with in the ninth, but only managed one out. Nick Castellanos and Alex Avila started the inning with singles. Eugenio Suarez struck out but Doolittle walked Austin Jackson — just the second walk he has issued this season — to load the bases for Davis.

Blaine Hardy (1-0) earned his first career victory with a scoreless top of the ninth.

Oakland starter Scott Kazmir left the game in the sixth, one pitch after appearing to grab at his hip, but Dan Otero replaced him and kept the game tied through seven innings. A team spokesperson said that Kazmir was "fine".

Rays 4, Yankees 3, 12 innings

In New York, Logan Forsythe hit a tiebreaking single with two outs in the 12th inning and the Rays beat the Yankees after squandering a late lead.

Matt Joyce and Kevin Kiermaier homered for the resurgent Rays, who have their first three-game winning streak since taking a season-best four in a row May 22-25. They've won five of six overall and no longer own the worst record in the majors, a distinction that had belonged to them every day since June 4.

Brian Roberts homered off Rays reliever Joel Peralta with one out in the ninth to tie it 3-all.

Brandon Guyer drew a two-out walk from Jose Ramirez (0-2) in the 12th and stole second base. Forsythe lined the next pitch into center field, scoring Guyer easily.

Brad Boxberger (1-1) pitched two perfect innings for his first major league win in 72 appearances.

Royals 6, Twins 1

In Minneapolis, Alcides Escobar tied a career high with four RBIs on two doubles and Salvador Perez homered to lift the Royals to a victory over the Twins.

Danny Duffy (5-7) gave up one run and four hits while striking out three in 5 2-3 innings and Mike Moustakas had two hits for the Royals. Kansas City (43-39) has won three of four and is off to its best start since 2003.

Yohan Pino (0-2) gave up four runs and seven hits while also striking out three in 5 2-3 innings for the Twins. Eduardo Nunez had two hits and an RBI in his return from the disabled list for Minnesota, which has lost six of its last seven games to drop into last place in the AL Central.

Mariners 10, Astros 4

In Houston, Robinson Cano had a three-run shot in the seventh inning, one of the Seattle Mariners' season-high four homers in a win over the Astros.

Mike Zunino had a two-run drive in the second, Michael Saunders added a pair on his long ball in the fourth and Brad Miller homered two batters later to help the Mariners to their eighth win in 10 games.

Heralded prospect Taijuan Walker (1-0) allowed homer runs to George Springer and Marwin Gonzalez early before settling down to strike out six in six innings in his season debut after dealing with a shoulder problem.

Houston starter Collin McHugh (4-7) allowed five hits, five runs and tied a career high with three home runs in six innings.

Orioles 7, Rangers 1

In Baltimore, Steve Pearce hit two of Baltimore's four home runs off Joe Saunders and Ubaldo Jimenez ended a run of nine winless starts as the Orioles defeated the Rangers.

Adam Jones and J.J. Hardy also homered for the Orioles, who hit a major league-leading 46 long balls in June.

Jimenez (3-8) allowed one run, none earned, and four hits with seven strikeouts in eight innings. The right-hander walked only one after issuing 30 free passes in his previous seven starts.

Saunders (0-5) gave up seven runs and nine hits in five innings.

Braves 5, Mets

In Atlanta, three errors by New York fueled Atlanta's comeback as the Braves scored four runs in the eighth inning and beat the Mets for their fifth straight win.

Errors by reliever Jeurys Familia (1-3), center fielder Juan Lagares and third baseman Eric Campbell in the eighth helped the Braves rally from a 3-1 deficit.

Anthony Varvaro (3-1) pitched one scoreless inning to earn the victory. Craig Kimbrel recorded the final three outs for his 25th save.

The Braves announced late in the game that catcher Evan Gattis will be placed on the 15-day disabled list after an MRI revealed a bulging thoracic disk in his back.

Curtis Granderson had two hits, including a homer, for the Mets.

Nationals 7, Rockies 3

In Washington, Adam LaRoche homered, Ryan Zimmerman had three hits and Ian Desmond added two doubles and three RBIs as the Nationals welcomed back Bryce Harper with a win over the Rockies.

Harper, who missed 57 games because of a torn ligament in his left thumb, went 1 for 3 with an RBI single — on Bryce Harper bobblehead night.

Jordan Zimmermann (6-4) allowed two runs in six innings as Washington won its third straight.

Justin Morneau had three hits for the Rockies, who have lost 12 of 14.

Yohan Flande (0-1), making his second start, was charged with three runs on six hits.

Altidore, referee focus before US-Belgium game

FIFA WORLD CUP Brasil

SALVADOR, Brazil (AP)—They know the eyes of the United States will be on them from thousands of miles away, and they say they are ready.

The Americans try to reach the World Cup quarterfinals for the first time since 2002 when they play Belgium on Tuesday.

"For some of the guys, it's the last opportunity, so we have to make the most of it," U.S. captain Clint Dempsey said. "And I'm sure if we play to the best of our ability, we'll get a positive result."

There were two bits of news on the eve of the match. Jozy Altidore has recovered sufficiently from his left hamstring strain to be available, although it appears he is unlikely to start. The forward has not played since the Americans' June 16 opener, when he was taken off on a stretcher during the first half.

"Just having him with us tomorrow is huge," U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann said Monday, adding Altidore's time on the field depends on "how much work is in his legs."

Klinsmann created a stir by saying he isn't happy with FIFA's choice of referee, Algeria's Djamel Haimoudi. His nation was eliminated by the U.S. in 2010, and Algeria played in the same first-round group as Belgium.

"Is it a good feeling? No," Klinsmann said at a news conference.

Belgium coach Marc Wilmots dismissed Klinsmann's comments, saying: "If we start going into this, it is looking for excuses ahead of the match."

The United States and Belgium haven't played in the World Cup since the first tournament in 1930, a 3-0 win by the Americans.

A lot more people are following now. The U.S. averaged more than 18 million viewers on ESPN and Spanish-language Univision for its three first-round games, and viewing parties are scheduled for Tuesday ranging from Solider Field in Chicago to Veteran's Park in Redondo Beach, California.

"The country is paying attention in a way that it's never done before, and we have a chance to make some history," U.S. Soccer Federation President Sunil Gulati said.

President Barack Obama even watched last week from Air Force One.

A victory against Belgium would put the U.S. in a Saturday quarterfinal against Argentina or Switzerland. With kickoff at 4 p.m. EDT, people are expected to leave work early, take extended lunch breaks and sneak looks at online streams from their mobile phones and office desktops.

"It means a lot to us, the energy that comes from the United States," said Klinsmann, the former German star striker who moved to California in 1998. "You see where the game is going in the United States. You can't stop it anymore. It's breaking through."

The 13th-ranked Americans are in the knockout rounds of consecutive World Cups for the first time. Belgium, ranked 11th after missing the last two World Cups, has won three straight games at soccer's showcase for the first time.

But the Red Devils are banged up. Central defender Vincent Kompany (strained left groin) is questionable and left back Thomas Vermaelen (right hamstring) is out. Midfielders Moussa Dembele and Marouane Fellaini—known for his mop of bushy dark hair—have been slowed by calf injuries.

Fellaini is a former Everton teammate of American goalkeeper Tim Howard, who played with Belgian forwards Romelu Lukaku and Kevin Mirallas last season. Howard is also familiar with Eden Hazard, who was criticized for his play during the first round despite setting up go-ahead goals against Russia and Algeria.

"Probably one of the best players in the Premier League," Howard said. "He's shifty. He's crafty. He's everything you want in a winner."

Dempsey, 31, and 32-year-old defender DaMarcus Beasley are unlikely to be on the 2018 roster. Howard, 35, hasn't committed to another four-year cycle.

"I'm not at all sure it's his last World Cup," Gulati said.

Belgium is quite familiar with Klinsmann: He scored in Germany's 3-2 win over Belgium at Chicago's Soldier Field in the second round of the 1994 World Cup.

At wet Wimbledon, Murray, Djokovic near rematch

LONDON (AP)—As the rain wreaks havoc on the Wimbledon schedule and players start to complain, Andy Murray and Novak Djokovic have found little reason to worry about the weather.

It helped that both got to play Monday on Centre Court, the only spot at the All England Club with a retractable roof.

And with back-to-back, straight-set victories, they moved closer to a semifinal showdown that would be a rematch of the final last year, when Murray beat Djokovic to become the first British man since 1936 to win Wimbledon.

"Sometimes the scheduling works in your favor. Sometimes the weather works in your favor," Murray said. "You just have to deal with it."

He reached the quarterfinals for the seventh consecutive year by dulling the dangerous serve of 20th-seeded Kevin Anderson and saving a set point in the tiebreaker of a 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (6) win. They played under a drizzle for about 15 minutes before the roof was closed early in the second set.

It stayed that way for the top-seeded Djokovic, and the 2011 champion beat No. 14 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga for the 11th consecutive time, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (5). Djokovic grimaced once in the final set while clutching the upper left arm he landed on in his prior match, but finished strongly and said afterward he felt fine.

"A lot of matches were canceled, but that's London, that's Wimbledon, with its very unpredictable weather," Djokovic said.

Murray, who hasn't dropped a set, said: "They should always try to play with the roof open, because it's an outdoor event."

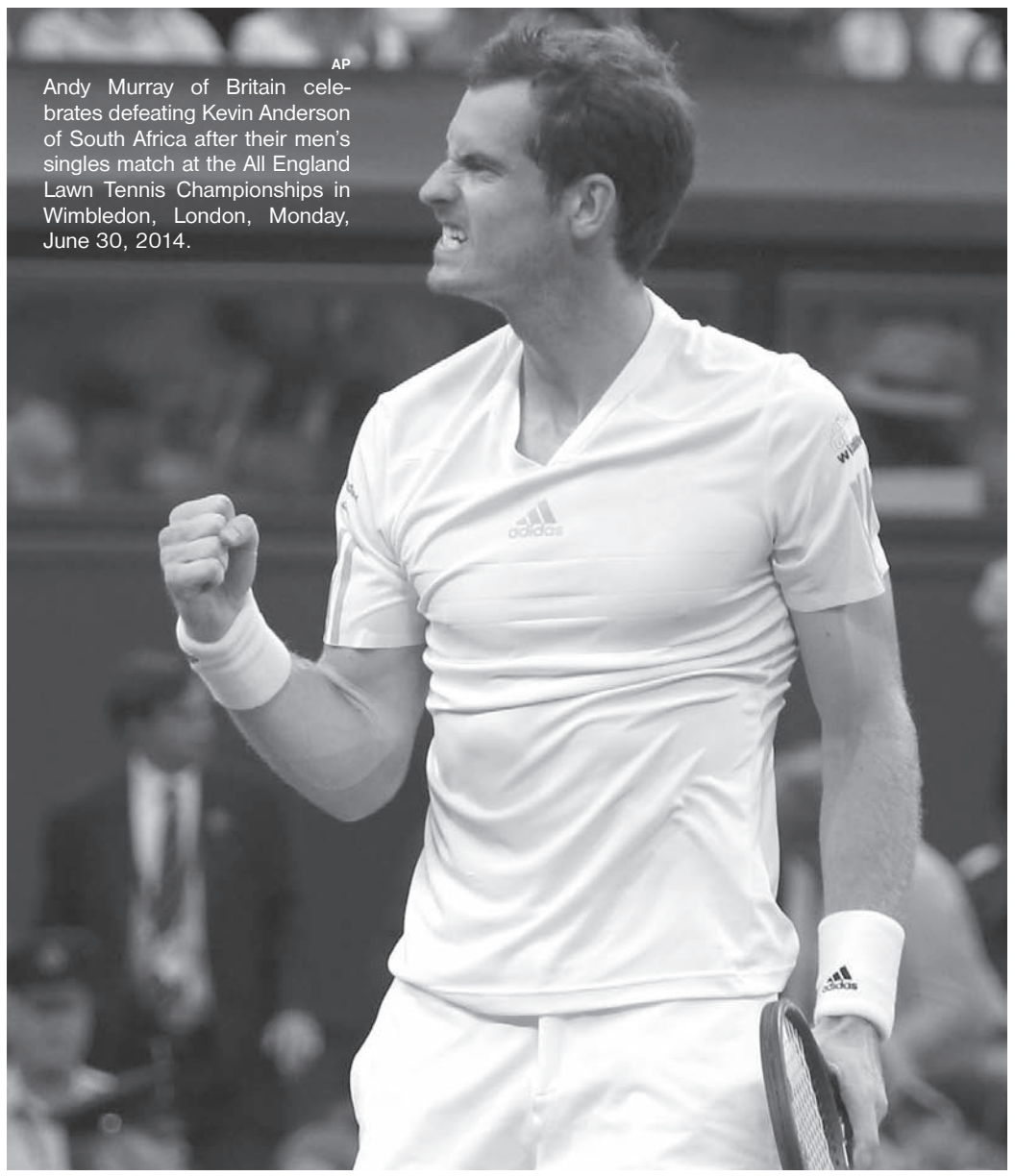
Easy for him to say.

Australian Open champion Stan Wawrinka was less than pleased that his third-round match was put off from Saturday to Monday (Wimbledon tries to avoid playing on its middle Sunday). He got through it quickly, defeating 45th-ranked Denis Istomin 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 in less than 1 1/2 hours.

Afterward, the fifth-seeded Wawrinka noted it won't be easy to win five best-of-five-set matches in a week if he's going to claim the title.

"For sure, I was disappointed," Wawrinka said about not getting on court Saturday, when showers disrupted play for several hours. "You cannot do anything. You have to accept (it). They do what they want, and you just follow."

Asked whether he spoke with officials, Wawrinka said: "They just say what's going to be the schedule and that's it. Even if you want to talk to them, they're not going to change anything. They don't listen (to) the player. They just do what they think is good for them."



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Andy Murray of Britain celebrates defeating Kevin Anderson of South Africa after their men's singles match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, Monday, June 30, 2014.

All England Club spokesman Johnny Perkins said the process was explained to Wawrinka's coach, including that having past major champions on larger courts is more of a priority than getting all matches completed on a given day.

The start of Week 2 at Wimbledon is called "Manic Monday," because it usually has all 16 fourth-round matches after taking Sunday off.

"I understand why Wawrinka was complaining, because we have this tradition here of the middle Sunday. ... We have to rethink (that)," Djokovic said. "We all know that tradition is something that is nurtured here ... and we respect that. But there are some rules that I believe should be updated."

Wawrinka will be on No. 2 Court on Tuesday - when, by the way, the forecast calls for a slight chance of rain - against No. 19 Feliciano Lopez, who eliminated the last American singles player, No. 9 John Isner, 6-7 (8), 7-6 (6), 7-6 (3), 7-5. It's the first time in 103 years that no U.S. men or women reached the round of 16 at Wimbledon.

Like Wawrinka, Isner didn't take well to having his match postponed. He tried protesting, to no avail.

"They had their reasons," Isner said.

Maria Sharapova never got a chance to play at all Monday, because her fourth-rounder against No. 9 Angelique Kerber was postponed. That was rescheduled for Tuesday, and the winner must play Wednesday against No. 13 Eugenie Bouchard, the first Canadian in the Wimbledon quarterfinals in the 46-year Open era.

These quarterfinals are set: Murray vs. No. 11 Grigor Dimitrov, and Djokovic vs. No. 26 Marin Cilic in the men's bracket; 2011 champion Petra Kvitova vs. Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, and No. 22 Ekaterina Makarova vs. No. 23 Lucie Safarova in the women's.

Bouchard advanced with a 7-6 (5), 7-5 victory over No. 25 Alize Cornet, the Frenchwoman who beat Serena Williams.

"I believe in myself. Every match I play, I believe I can win," said the 20-year-old Bouchard, the only woman who was a 2014 semifinalist at the Australian Open and French Open. "I've proved to myself I can play on the big stage."

Jason Kidd to Bucks after Nets agree to deal

NEW YORK (AP)—Jason Kidd had a seat in the coaching box and a jersey in the rafters.

He wanted more. And now his celebrated return to the Nets has turned into yet another ugly exit.

Kidd is set to become Milwaukee's coach after Brooklyn agreed to a deal Monday with the Bucks, who paved the way for Kidd's arrival by firing coach Larry Drew.

The Nets will receive second-round draft picks in 2015 and 2019. They said a search for a new coach would begin immediately.

Kidd went 44-38 in his only season as Nets coach, but then sought control of the basketball operations department and was denied. The Nets gave him permission to talk to other teams about a job.

It was a stunningly quick ending to Kidd's reunion with the franchise he twice led to the NBA Finals as a player. The Nets hired him last June as coach just weeks after he retired as a player and retired his No. 5 before a preseason game in October. Also, he bought a small portion of the team.

There was no reason to believe he wouldn't be back Thursday when he appeared at a press conference where the Nets announced plans for their new practice facility.

But things rarely ended cleanly for Kidd throughout his Hall of Fame-worthy career, and that remains the case as a coach. He was traded from Dallas, his first pro team, when he feuded with teammates. He was shipped out of Phoenix after an arrest for a domestic dispute.

And though he led the Nets to the 2002 and '03 NBA Finals and remained a franchise icon, he soured on the team during the 2007-08 season, and the franchise dealt him back to Dallas.

But as much as the current ownership may have liked him, it wasn't interested in positioning Kidd above general manager Billy King and giving him the power he sought. King is scheduled to address the media on Tuesday.

Drew went 15-67 in his only season in Milwaukee, but there had been no indication he wouldn't be back before the Kidd situation emerged.

"Despite the challenging season, Larry always handled himself and represented the Bucks in a first-class manner," Bucks general manager John Hammond said in a statement. "Larry did the best he could in a difficult situation, especially given all of our injuries. I want to thank Larry for all of his efforts, and we wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors."

Milwaukee had the NBA's worst record last season and is under new co-owners in Marc Lasry and Wes Edens. Lasry and Kidd are friends.

The Nets could choose from a number of quality coaches who are available, including Lionel Hollins, George Karl and Mark Jackson.

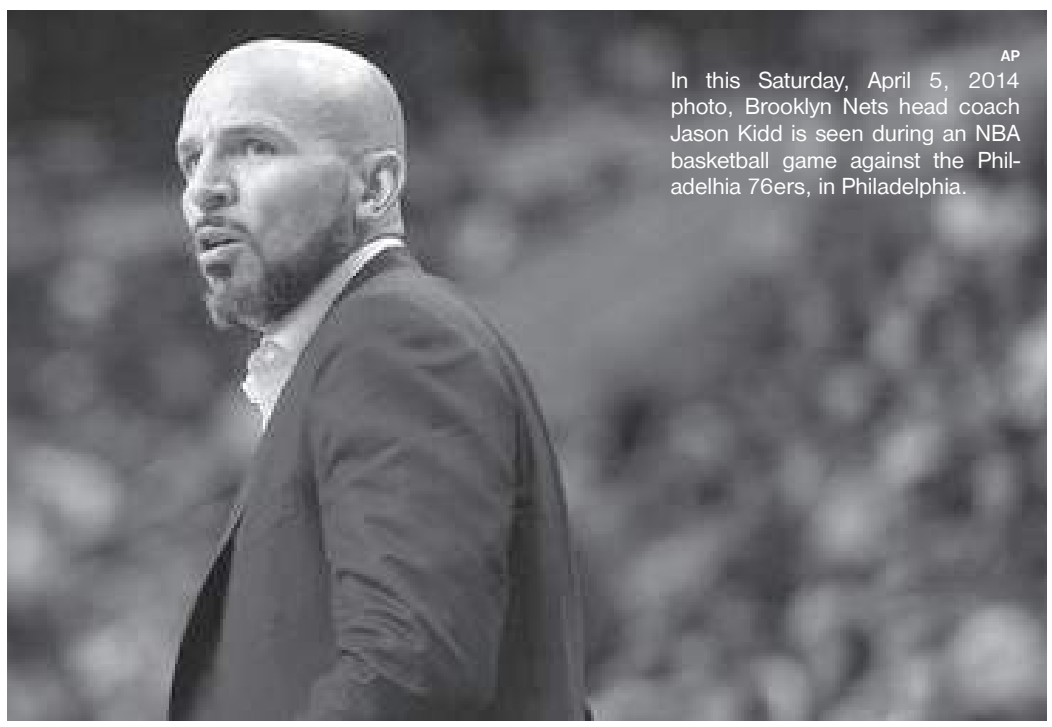
They bypassed experience when they chose Kidd last summer, and the results were ugly early. Kidd removed Lawrence Frank from the bench after lobbying for the Nets to hire his former coach as his lead assistant, and then was fined $50,000 by the NBA after intentionally spilling a drink on the court to delay a game.

The Nets started 10-21 with a high-priced, high-expectations team, though regrouped to reach the second round of the playoffs. Kidd won two Eastern Conference coach of the month honors for engineering a turnaround with a small-ball lineup after center Brook Lopez was lost to a broken foot.

He departs Brooklyn now with free agency opening Tuesday and key Nets Paul Pierce and Shaun Livingston set to hit the market.

Lasry and Edens had said in announcing the purchase of the team in April that they would evaluate the organization. Lasry spoke to a meeting of Milwaukee-area journalists and business leaders on June 23, before the draft, and afterward told The Associated Press that they were still in the evaluation process.

But the new ownership group had given no indication that Drew or Hammond might be in trouble after the franchise's worst season in former U.S. Sen. Herb Kohl's last year as team owner. Hammond spearheaded the NBA draft evaluation process that landed Milwaukee a potential superstar in Duke forward Jabari Parker with the second overall pick.



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In this Saturday, April 5, 2014 photo, Brooklyn Nets head coach Jason Kidd is seen during an NBA basketball game against the Philadelhia 76ers, in Philadelphia.

Quitugua takes regular season MVP honors

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Newcomer Jake Quitugua continued his notable showing in Saipan basketball competitions after notching two more individual awards in the 2014 DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League last Sunday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Quitugua was named the regular season MVP of the DL Corp. caging and also made it to the Mythical Team. The two plums from the recently concluded contest brought Quitugua's total individual trophies to three after he got his first (Mythical Team member) just a few weeks ago when he debuted in the DLX/IT&E league at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

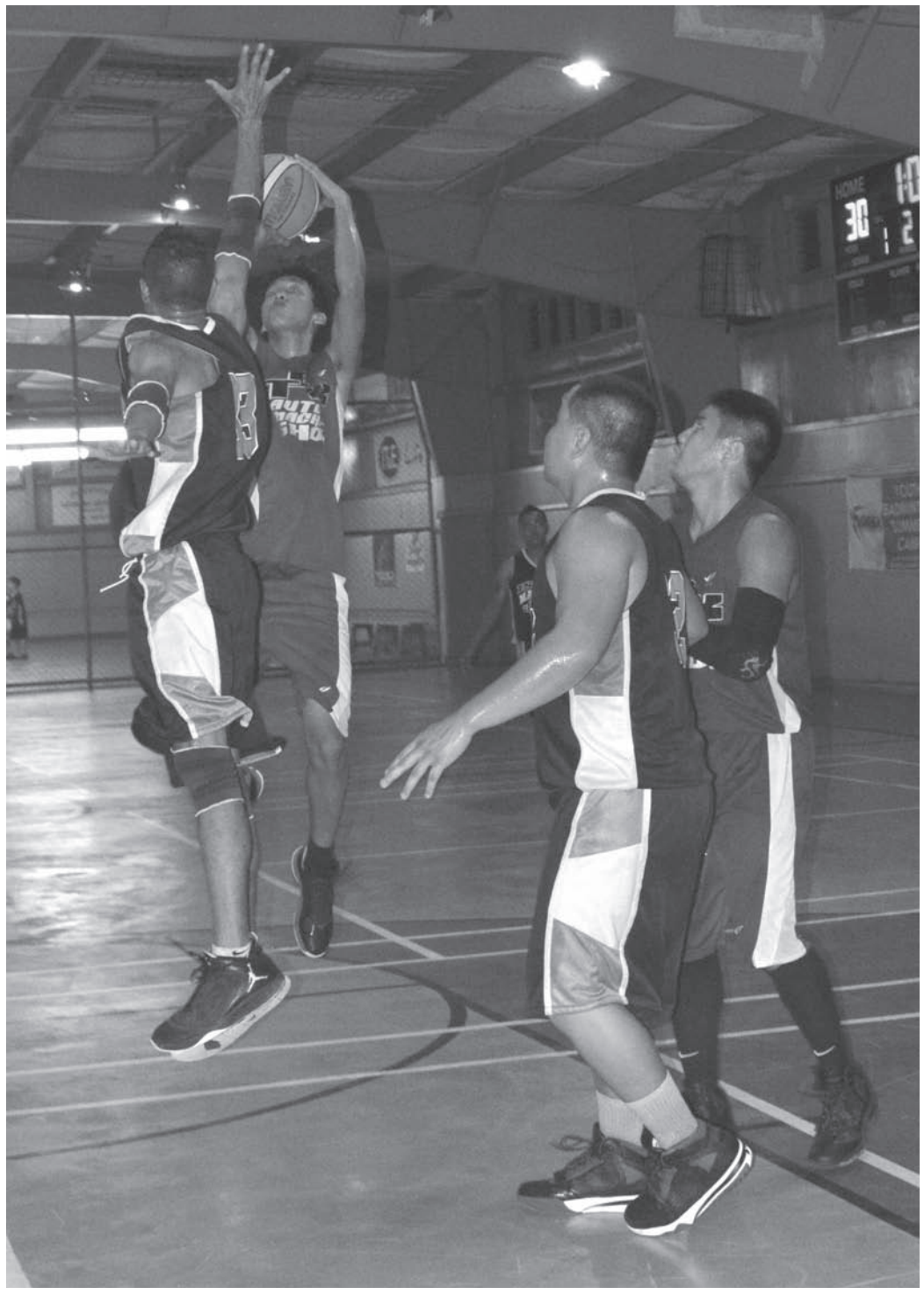
The high-leaping forward teamed up with Ivan Devero in bringing TBK Mechanics to the playoffs of the nine-team DL Corp caging. TBK finished the regular season with an even 4-4 record to tie Docomo and the Pelicans for fourth to sixth place.

In the playoffs, Quitugua fired 24 points to power TBK to a 102-88 win over the Pelicans. He then nearly scored in twin digits in their 79-78 upset of the then unbeaten and outright semifinalist San Antonio. In the finals against Island Manpower, the lanky forward also joined forces with the Devero siblings (Ivan and Christian) in bringing TBK back into the game after trailing by as much as 17 points in the third period, before the eventual champion eked out an 81-78 win.

Joining Quitugua in the Mythical Team are San Antonio's Prince Factor, Island Manpower's Cecilio Bisana and Jerome Norita, and Ivan Devero.

Meanwhile, Jun Tabora was named Finals MVP for hitting clutch baskets in their exciting victory against TBK Mechanics. Tabora canned a banked jumper under the two-minute mark to snap TBK's short 6-0 blast and later redeemed himself from a 0-for-2 performance at the foul line with a split free throw that gave Island Manpower a two-point lead, 80-78, going into the dying seconds of the finale. Tabora went on to finish with 15 points, 8 of them came in the third period where Island Manpower broke away, leading by much as 17 points, 60-43.

Tabora and other awardees received wooden trophies presented by league officials led by commissioner Sonny Ebuen and DL Corp. owner Joe Digno. Digno also handed out certificate of participation to the nine squads that joined the league and the Sportsmanship Award to Team Olivos.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
TBK Mechanics' Jake Quitugua attempts a jumper against the outstretched arm of Island Manpower's Cecilio Bisana during the fourth quarter of their title game in the DL Corp. caging last Sunday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

CNMI

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A.J. Evangelista struck out the fifth batter to leave the two runners stranded. Then at the top of the 11th inning, Guam's leadoff batter reached third off a single, wild pitch, and wild throw with two outs, but the CNMI's shortstop caught a line drive to keep the deadlock, which Jones eventually broke at the bottom of the last inning.

Meanwhile, the CNMI entered the win column in the Little League and Big League. The CNMI Big League All-Stars, who lost to Chinese-Taipei in the opener, 0-9, bounced back with a 5-4 triumph over the Philippines last Monday before bowing to Guam, 1-11, yesterday.

In the Little League, the CNMI cruised past Vietnam last Monday, 13-1, for a 1-2 slate. The Commonwealth players fell to Saudi Arabia in the opener, 4-9, and also lost to Dubai yesterday, 0-7. In the Junior League, the CNMI holds an even 1-1 record after a 7-11 defeat at the hands of Guam last Monday. The CNMI Junior All-Stars earlier notched an 8-5 victory over Vietnam on opening day.

GERMANY

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ing a free kick, and after the Algerians forced goalkeeper Manuel Neuer off his line and out of his area several times, that the Germans finally produced a stroke of brilliance early in extra time.

Andre Schuerrle backheeled in a goal in the 92nd minute, and then Mesut Ozil added another late in the match before the north Africans scored a consolation goal in the final seconds.

While it was Germany's first win in three matches against Algeria, the three-time champions will need more to overcome France in the quarterfinals.

There was little order and discipline in Germany's game in the cool conditions at the Estadio Beira-Rio. The team produced some chances but also gave away many more than it normally does and was lucky not to concede in a poor first half.

"We had major problems in the first half to organize the way we played," Germany coach Joachim Loew said. "Yes, we had our problems, but at the end we were better and had a lot of chances. The important thing is to advance."

The statistics would make Germany look fully in control: 78 percent possession, 16 shots on target for Germany against four for Algeria, a 22-7 edge on overall shots. But it was Neuer's unorthodox clearances that kept Germany in the match.

In other words, Germany was lucky.

With central defender Mats Hummels out with the flu, new man Shkodran Mustafi played as the right back and the reshuffled defense looked so unstable that every Algerian counterattack put it under pressure. Mustafi ended up tearing his left hamstring muscle late in the match and will miss the rest of the tournament.

But it wasn't just him. Normally reliable Per Mertesacker slipped while trying to clear a ball, allowing Algeria a big chance, and Jerome Boateng looked slow against the speedy Algerians.

Perhaps the most bizarre moment came in the 88th minute, with Germany about to take a free kick from a good position. Bastian Schweinsteiger ran past the ball, then Mueller slipped before running over the ball in an attempt to get behind the Algerian defense, and finally Toni Kroos tried to chip it over the wall. But his effort was low and the Algerians easily cleared what could have been a good opportunity.

The Germans have been working on set pieces, according to Loew, but that one surely needs some fine-tuning.

"You don't have to play fantastic every match," Loew said. "You have to win."

France 2, Nigeria 0

In Brasilia, Brazil, after being touted as one of the World Cup's entertainers, it was a gritty performance which got France through to the quarterfinals in a 2-0 victory over Nigeria on Monday.

France's forward line had made headlines with eight goals in its opening two group games, but there was little flair on display in a hard-fought contest against the African champions.

France needed a late header from midfielder Paul Pogba and an injury-time own goal from defender Joseph Yobo to overcome a robust Nigeria.

The reward is a quarterfinal against Germany on Friday at Rio de Janeiro's Maracana stadium, following the Germans' 2-1 victory over Algeria.

Pogba's goal in the 79th minute followed Nigeria's best spell of the match and came soon after France goalkeeper Hugo Lloris had made a crucial save to deny Peter Odemwingie.

"We're not the prettiest or the best, but we can do good things," France coach Didier Deschamps said after the game. "The deliverance came late. There was a lot of tension because we were up against a very athletic side and there were a lot of challenges."

Nigeria, which had a goal ruled out for offside in the 19th minute after Emmanuel Emenike poked home Ahmed Musa's cross from the left, wasted a lot of second-half possession.

Four years ago, France crashed out of the group stage, shamed a nation by going on strike and was jeered by its own fans and lambasted by politicians in the fallout from an embarrassing tournament.

It's very different situation now.

"I'm proud of my players because we're coming back from very far. I think we've given a lot of pleasure back to our fans," Deschamps said. "I think there were 5,000 here and millions back home who will feel proud."

Pogba's crucial goal came after Nigeria goalkeeper Vincent Enyeama had just made a superb save to tip over Karim Benzema's header. But he he flapped at the ball from the ensuing corner and Pogba pounced in the 79th minute for his first World Cup goal.

That atoned for placing a volley too close to Enyeama in a scrappy first half.

Scoring such a crucial goal will boost his confidence heading into the last eight games.

"We have four days left to prepare for another battle," Deschamps said.

Yobo, who announced his international retirement after the game, turned the ball into his own net in stoppage time under pressure from France substitute Antoine Griezmann.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	45	39	.536	—
Baltimore	43	39	.524	1
New York	41	40	.506	2½
Boston	38	45	.458	6½
Tampa Bay	36	49	.424	9½
Central Division				
Detroit	45	34	.570	—
Kansas City	43	39	.524	3½
Cleveland	39	43	.476	7½
Chicago	39	44	.470	8
Minnesota	37	44	.457	9
West Division				
Oakland	51	31	.622	—
Los Angeles	45	35	.563	5
Seattle	45	38	.542	6½
Texas	37	45	.451	14
Houston	36	48	.429	16

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	45	38	.542	—
Washington	44	38	.537	½
Miami	39	43	.476	5½
New York	37	46	.446	8
Philadelphia	36	46	.439	8½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	51	33	.607	—
St. Louis	44	39	.530	6½
Cincinnati	43	39	.524	7
Pittsburgh	42	40	.512	8
Chicago	35	46	.432	14½
West Division				
Los Angeles	48	37	.565	—
San Francisco	46	36	.561	½
Colorado	36	47	.434	11
San Diego	36	47	.434	11
Arizona	35	49	.417	12½

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2014 DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League Finals

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TBK Mechanics' Jake Quitugua drives against three Island Manpower defenders during their title game in the 2014 DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League last Sunday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

TBK's Nate Mateo pulls up for a jumper versus Island Manpower's Cecilio Bisana.

Island Manpower's Ferdie Tobias goes up for a layup against TBK Mechanics' Ivan Devero.

Island Manpower's Cecilio Bisana unloads a corner jumper.

Island Manpower's Jerome Norita goes for a fastbreak layup against TBK Mechanics' Rodney Catalla.

TBK Mechanics' Jerome Reyes battles Island Manpower's Syl Teregeyo for the rebound.

Island Manpower's Ed Pangelinan dribbles past TBK Mechanics Jake Quitugua.

Island Manpower's Jun Tabora draws contact against TBK Mechanics' Edwin Santos.

TBK Mechanics' Jerome Reyes loses the ball to the baseline.

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CNMI Senior All-Stars outlast Guam

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The CNMI Senior All-Stars pulled off a thriller against Guam, escaping with a 5-4 win in 11 innings yesterday in the 2014 Little League Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament in the Philippines.

Lefty Darion Jones made the game-winning hit, blasting a single to the far right field at the bottom of the 11th inning with the bases loaded and no outs. His single drove leadoff batter Jessie Brel home. Brel also nailed a single to the right field earlier and advanced to second off Virolanson Secharmidal's bunt. Secharmidal strategically went for the bunt with the ball rolling in between the home and first base and the Guam catcher struggling to field it, allowing the former enough time to run safely to first, while moving Brel to second.

Next up at bat was starting pitcher Nate Camacho, who walked to first and brought Brel to third. With the bases loaded, Guam sued for time and huddled on the hound. However, the lull failed to break the CNMI's momentum, as after letting go off a low ball, Jones hit his target with the ball dropping to the far end of the right field way past Guam's defense.

With the close win, the CNMI is still unbeaten in three games. It crushed Indonesia in the opener last Sunday at the Clark Freeport Zone in Zambales, 15-3, before downing the Philippines last Monday, 4-1. The Patrick Tenorio-managed and Anthony Deleon Guerrero-coached team tries to extend its win streak today against India and another win will assure the team a finals berth in the six-team field and move the team closer to a World Series stint.

The CNMI Senior All-Stars had to go through four extra innings to nip Guam after the former bungled a 3-0 lead in the first three innings of the match. Guam even grabbed the driver's seat in the sixth inning 4-3, before the CNMI forced the second deadlock at the bottom off the seventh inning. Secharmidal scored the equalizer, as he reached home off an error by the Guam pitcher. The bases were loaded with only one out and a CNMI batter was waiting for the pitch when the Guam pitcher dropped the ball, which rolled out of the mound. The umpires halted play and huddled before awarding the run to the CNMI. The Commonwealth bets were then called for the next two outs, extending the match that was played for almost four hours.

In the four extra innings, Guam had two opportunities to take the lead, but the CNMI defense hung in there to foil its foe's bid. Guam had runners on third and second at the top of the ninth with two outs, but

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Darion Jones, seen here pitching for the Saipan Senior All-Stars during their game against Tinian in the district meet at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield, made the game-winning hit in the CNMI's 5-4 win over Guam in the World Series qualifier yesterday at the Clark Freeport Zone in Zambales.

Germany prevails over Algeria, but only just

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PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil (AP)—From a comically executed free kick to the slapstick folly of the defense, a laughably disorganized Germany struggled mightily against a determined Algeria.

Struggled, but still won.

The Germans beat a team many had underestimated 2-1 in extra time Monday to reach the World Cup quarterfinals for ninth straight time.

But it was only after Thomas Mueller fell to the ground dur-

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